



## HOW TO CHOOSE THE RIGHT TEACHER

What is important if you are looking for a good English trainer?

Make sure the teacher has a very high level of fluency – my personal opinion is that he or she should speak English to you straight away. Find out if he or she mixes his approach – visual, auditory, kinaesthetic. That means there should be a good combination of talking, reading and writing to make learning more effective. Your goal, and the required time frame to reach it, should be determined at the beginning of the course. If you have the feeling the teacher does not prepare his or her lesson to your needs, talk to him or her about it. If things don't change, change the teacher. A private coach should ALWAYS adapt his lesson to your needs exactly. This is what you pay for.

And after all, you should like the teacher; he or she should make you feel successful and capable (fähig), even at beginner's level.

Enjoy this one!

Yours, Nicole

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## REAL ESTATE

## IMMOBILIEN

Match the following expressions with the right definition (solutions at the end).

detached house.

a place in your garden where you can sit and have a barbecue

semi-detached house

a block of flats especially for OAPs (old age pensioners) who need some services (nurse, shopping service, cleaning lady)

double-glazed windows

a house that is not attached to any other house

sheltered housing

modern windows which keep out noise and offer good insulation

patio

two houses which are attached to each other



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## REAL ESTATE

## LOOKING FOR A FLAT

If you rent a flat, you are a "tenant". The person who owns the flat is the "landlord" or "landlady". I have often heard English pub owners being referred to as the landlord. These terms however are from old times and you might like to consider replacing them with the terms "lodger" and "owner" respectively.

Make sure that if you rent a flat, you sign a "lease", a written contract which fixes both party's obligations. It is important to know whether you will have to pay a deposit which the owner has to put into an interest-bearing account. This deposit might be used if you fall behind on your rent or if you damage the property. Now what's English for "Kaution", "Mietvertrag" and "zinsbringendes Konto"?

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## ONE WORD A DAY

## BRILLIANT WEBSITE FOR LEARNERS

Here is today's personal recommendation:

OWAD.de offers one e-mail per day with an expression which is explained and used in context. It is a free service and I find it absolutely brilliant.

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## DESCRIBING WINE IN ENGLISH

## WEINFACHSPRACHE

Here are some examples of how to describe wine in a simple way.

It is golden yellow in colour. The nose is full of aromas of.....(strawberries, peach)

On the palate you can find flavours of ..... and a hint of....

Der Wein ist goldfarben. Die Nase ist voller Aromen von...

Am Gaumen findet man Aromen von .... und einen Hauch von...

A wine can be dry, off-dry (or semi-dry) or sweet. But never use the word "half-dry", this doesn't really exist.

So next time you go and taste wine in South-Africa or California, the person at the tasting bar might ask "So, what kind of wines do you like?". You might like to reply "Oh, I quite like dry fruity white wines and light-bodied red wines"

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A detached house is a house which is not attached to any other house (freistehend). A semi-detached house is attached to one other house on one side, therefore a "Doppelhaushälfte".

Double-glazed windows are very good for keeping out noise and offer good insulation. Sheltered housing is good for elderly people who still want to live on their own but need a little bit of support like a nurse to give them injections or a shopping service (in German something like "Seniorenwohncentrum" – but not an "Altersheim"). The patio is the "Terrasse"

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If you find any mistakes, you may keep them. It only shows how good your English is.

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