

Alignment to Texas Essential Knowledge and Skills (TEKS) for Languages Other Than English

Voces® *Unsere Geschichten* ~ Stufe 4 ~ Einheit 1

Unsere Geschichten, Stufe 4 is an interactive German curriculum framework that was created based on the principles of Acquisition-Driven Instruction and Comprehensible Input. This framework includes the vocabulary, themes, stories, and activities you need to create your custom German curriculum. *Unsere Geschichten, Stufe 4* will take your students through an Intermediate-Low level of proficiency and beyond. The standards-based, online program integrates communication and culture in a cohesive, all-in-one format accessible to students and teachers from any device.

This document illustrates how unit one in *Unsere Geschichten, Stufe 4* aligns to Texas Essential Knowledge and Skills (TEKS) for Languages Other Than English. If you have any questions, call 1-800-848-0256 or email info@vocesdigital.com.

Einheit 1: Was macht mich aus?			
Knowledge and Skills			
1. Communication: The student communicates in a language other than English using the skills of listening, speaking, reading, and writing. The student is expected to:			
(A) Engage in oral and written exchanges of learned material to socialize and to provide and obtain information			
Section	Title	Mode	Can-Do/Description
<i>Kurzgeschichte 1: Verurteilt</i>	Interpersonal Writing: <i>SMS aus Deutschland</i>	Writing	I can write to someone about a book fair in Frankfurt.
<i>Kurzgeschichte 3: Ku(h)ltur</i>	Interpersonal Speaking: <i>Im Zug</i>	Speaking	I can talk to someone about what life is like for a foreigner within Germany.
Integrated Performance Assessment	Interpersonal Speaking	Speaking	I can talk about what is important to young people today.
(B) Demonstrate understanding of simple, clearly spoken, and written language such as simple stories, high-frequency commands, and brief instructions when dealing with familiar topics			
Section	Title	Mode	Can-Do/Description
<i>Kurzgeschichte 1: Verurteilt</i>	<i>Aktivität 1: Fragen zur Story</i>	Reading	I can read a story about judging others for their lifestyle choice.
<i>Kurzgeschichte 2: Sei einfach du selbst!</i>	<i>Aktivität 1: Was fehlt?</i>	Reading	I can read a story about the effects of bullying and harassment in school.
<i>Kurzgeschichte 3: Ku(h)ltu</i>	<i>Aktivität 1: Was passt?</i>	Reading	I can understand comprehension

			questions for a story about how culture and tradition are both being challenged and upheld. I can read a story about how culture and tradition are both challenged and upheld.
<i>Kurzgeschichte 3: Ku(h)ltu</i>	Interpretive Listening: <i>Veränderungen</i>	Listening	I can understand a video about dealing with change.
<i>Geschichte: Das Kopftuch</i>	<i>Aktivität 1: Fragen beantworten</i>	Reading	I can read a story about stereotypes surrounding hijabs.
<i>Geschichte: Das Kopftuch</i>	Interpretive Reading: <i>Jugendliche in ihrer Freizeit</i>	Reading	I can read an article about what German teenagers like to do in their free time.
Integrated Performance Assessment	Interpretive Reading	Reading	I can read an article about what is important to young people in Germany.
(C) Present information using familiar words, phrases, and sentences to listeners and readers			
Section	Title	Mode	Can-Do/Description
<i>Kurzgeschichte 1: Verurteilt</i>	<i>Aktivität 3: Eine E-Mail schreiben</i>	Writing	I can write an email detailing my preferences for minimalist furniture and style.
<i>Kurzgeschichte 2: Sei einfach du selbst!</i>	<i>Aktivität 2: Die Schulzeitung</i>	Writing	I can write a newspaper article about a character in a story.
<i>Kurzgeschichte 2: Sei einfach du selbst!</i>	<i>Aktivität 3: Sei du selbst!</i>	Speaking	I can talk about a time I felt worried about being judged and why.
<i>Kurzgeschichte 2: Sei einfach du selbst!</i>	Presentational Writing: <i>Deutsche Jugendliche in der Ausbildung</i>	Writing	I can write about the education system in Germany.
<i>Kurzgeschichte 2: Sei einfach du selbst!</i>	Presentational Speaking: <i>Musik in Deutschland</i>	Speaking	I can talk about the various styles of music that people listen to in Germany.
<i>Kurzgeschichte 3: Ku(h)ltur</i>	<i>Aktivität 3: Deine Meinung</i>	Writing	I can write about the cultural and environmental elements of meat consumption.
<i>Geschichte: Das</i>	<i>Aktivität 3: Erzähl die</i>	Speaking	I can tell a story about

<i>Kopftuch</i>	<i>Geschichte!</i>		stereotypes surrounding hijabs.
<i>Extra! Extra!</i>	<i>Das Interview: Wer bist du?</i>	Speaking	I can talk about my beliefs and someone who has different beliefs than I do.
<i>Rückblick und Beurteilung</i>	<i>Meine originelle Geschichte!</i>	Writing	I can write an original story.
<i>Rückblick und Beurteilung</i>	<i>Erzähle uns eine originelle Geschichte!</i>	Speaking	I can tell an original story.
Integrated Performance Assessment	Presentational Writing	Writing	I can write about the values of German youth as well as my own personal values and opinions.

2. Cultures: The student gains knowledge and understanding of other cultures. The student is expected to:

(A) Demonstrate an understanding of the practices (what people do) and how they are related to the perspectives (how people perceive things) of the cultures studied

Section	Title	Can-Do/Description
<i>Kurzgeschichte 2: Sei einfach du selbst!</i>	Presentational Writing: <i>Deutsche Jugendliche in der Ausbildung</i>	I can write about the education system in Germany.
<i>Kurzgeschichte 2: Sei einfach du selbst!</i>	Presentational Speaking: <i>Musik in Deutschland</i>	I can talk about the various styles of music that people listen to in Germany.
<i>Kurzgeschichte 3: Ku(h)ltur</i>	<i>Aktivität 1: Was passt?</i>	I can understand comprehension questions for a story about how culture and tradition are both challenged and upheld. I can read a story about how culture and tradition are both challenged and upheld.
<i>Geschichte: Das Kopftuch</i>	Interpretive Reading: <i>Jugendliche in ihrer Freizeit</i>	I can read an article about what German teenagers like to do in their free time.

(B) Demonstrate an understanding of the products (what people create) and how they are related to the perspectives (how people perceive things) of the cultures studied

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<i>Geschichte: Das Kopftuch</i>	<i>Aktivität 1: Fragen beantworten</i>	I can read a story about stereotypes surrounding hijabs.
<i>Extra! Extra!</i>	<i>Das Interview: Wer bist du?</i>	I can talk about my beliefs and someone who has different beliefs than I do. I can investigate products and perspectives in my own and other communities.

3. Connections: The student uses the language to make connections with other subject areas and to acquire information. The student is expected to:		
(A) Use resources (that may include technology) in the language and cultures being studied to gain access to information		
Section	Title	Can-Do/Description
<i>Extra! Extra!</i>	<i>Die Welt in Fotos: Stolpersteine</i>	I can compare monuments in German-speaking countries to monuments in my own country.
<i>Extra! Extra!</i>	<i>Das Panorama: Das Brandenburger Tor</i>	I can write about the Brandenburg Gate in Germany.
<i>Geschichte: Das Kopftuch</i>	Interpretive Reading: <i>Jugendliche in ihrer Freizeit</i>	I can read an article about what German teenagers like to do in their free time.
<i>Extra! Extra!</i>	<i>Das Interview: Wer bist du?</i>	I can talk about my beliefs and someone who has different beliefs than I do. I can investigate products and perspectives in my own and other communities.
(B) Use the language to obtain, reinforce, or expand knowledge of other subject areas		
Section	Title	Can-Do/Description
<i>Kurzgeschichte 2: Sei einfach du selbst!</i>	Presentational Writing: <i>Deutsche Jugendliche in der Ausbildung</i>	I can write about the education system in Germany.
<i>Kurzgeschichte 2: Sei einfach du selbst!</i>	Presentational Speaking: <i>Musik in Deutschland</i>	I can talk about the various styles of music that people listen to in Germany.
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4. Comparisons: The student develops insight into the nature of language and culture by comparing the student's own language and culture to another. The student is expected to:		
(A) Demonstrate an understanding of the nature of language through comparisons of the student's own language and the language studied		
Section	Title	Can-Do/Description
<i>Kurzgeschichte 1: Verurteilt</i>	<i>Wichtiges Vokabular</i> Story Script	Vocabulary
<i>Kurzgeschichte 2: Sei einfach du selbst!</i>	<i>Wichtiges Vokabular</i> Story Script	Vocabulary
<i>Kurzgeschichte 2: Sei einfach du selbst!</i>	<i>Grammatik-Tipp! Sich anhören wie...</i>	Listening to vs. sounding like
<i>Kurzgeschichte 3: Ku)h)ltur</i>	<i>Wichtiges Vokabular</i> Story Script	Vocabulary
<i>Geschichte: Das</i>	<i>Das Kopftuch</i>	Vocabulary

<i>Kopftuch</i>		
(B) Demonstrate an understanding of the concept of culture through comparisons of the student's own culture and the cultures studied (C) Demonstrate an understanding of the influence of one language and culture on another		
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<i>Geschichte: Das Kopftuch</i>	Interpretive Reading: <i>Jugendliche in ihrer Freizeit</i>	I can read an article about what German teenagers like to do in their free time.
<i>Extra! Extra!</i>	<i>Das Interview: Wer bist du?</i>	I can talk about my beliefs and someone who has different beliefs than I do. I can investigate products and perspectives in my own and other communities.
5. Communities: The student participates in communities at home and around the world by using languages other than English. The student is expected to:		
(A) Use the language both within and beyond the school setting through activities such as participating in cultural events and using technology to communicate		
Section	Title	Can-Do/Description
<i>In meiner Lebenswelt</i>		I can use the German language both within and beyond my classroom to interact and collaborate in my community and the globalized world.
(B) Show evidence of becoming a lifelong learner by using the language for personal enrichment and career development		
Section	Title	Can-Do/Description
Can-Do Checklist		Setting personal language goals, self-assessment on Can-Do statements, and unit reflection

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