


Language	English
Topic	The Small Pleasures of Life Question: What do the small pleasures of life mean to Germans?
Learners - Level	All levels

Aims and objectives of the activity

To reflect about the question
 To look for common European “Small Pleasures of Life”
 To discover cultural aspects which influenced the answers of the respondent

Here are a range of drawings.



1. Write a list of the “small pleasures” illustrated.

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3. The “small pleasures” above are the ones which came into the illustrator’s mind as answer to the general question “**What do the small pleasures of life mean to Germans?**”. In your opinion, which situation is typical for Germans? And which ones would you see as more common to Europeans?

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4. In one drawing you can see a girl who finds a four-leaved clover. For what is it a symbol? Has it got the same meaning in your country?

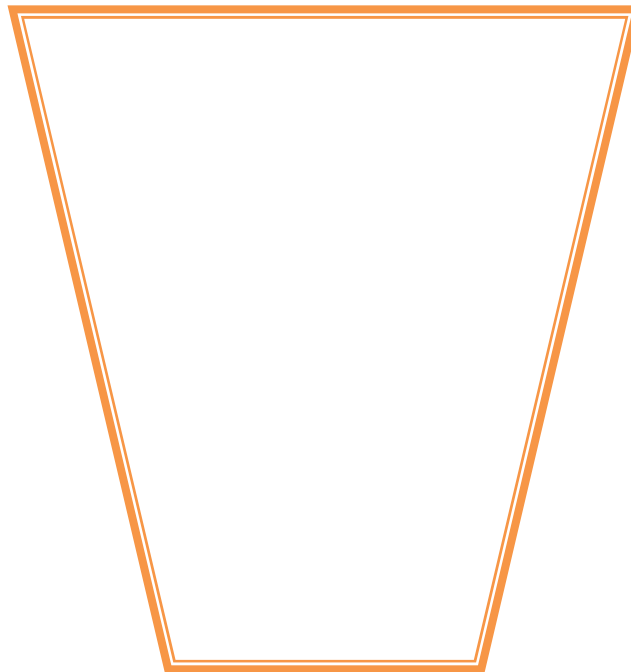
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5. What other symbols do you relate to “luck”?

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6. Reflect about the “small pleasures” which are important to you?

- What comes first?
- Write the answers in decreasing order.



- Compare with your class mates.
- Explain the reasons of your choice and listen to the reasons of theirs.
- Have you many common “small pleasures”? Write a list on a board.
- Which one is the “number one”? Why?
- All together: classify all “small pleasures” you have listed before in two categories:

Typical for my country	General/European

1. “Drinking beer” is one of the stereotypes related to Germans. Do you know more stereotypical views about other countries? Try to fill in the grid.

Nationality	Stereotypes
German	ü always drinking beer ü ü
French people	ü ü ü
Spaniards	ü ü ü
Italian	ü ü ü
Finns	ü ü ü
Poles	ü ü ü
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