

## Auf geht's! Cultural Targets

## Unit 6: In der Stadt

This handout covers the pertinent cultural information present in Unit 6 of *Auf geht's!*. Complete the following exercises in order to help you prepare for an exam on this unit. All information is available in the Interactive.

### A. Unterwegs in Deutschland.

1. What are some reasons given for why Germans are more likely to take public transportation than Americans?

2. Name at least five different types of public transportation in Germany.

3. Where can you purchase tickets for public transportation?

4. What is an *Entwerter*?

5. Explain what *schwarzfahren* is.

### B. Mit der Bahn fahren.

1. True or False: More people in America travel by train than in Germany.

2. What is the *Intercity-Express (ICE)*?

3. Why do some people pay a *Zuschlag* when travelling by train?

### C. Auf der Autobahn.

1. Is the *Autobahn* typically a place where you can drive as fast as you'd like? Where is a speed limit enforced?

2. Cars in Germany must be inspected every  years. Once the car has passed, the owner receives a  sticker on the car's license plate.

3. True or false: A driver in Germany with a cell phone on the seat next to him can get fined.

**C. Auf der Autobahn. (cont.)**

4. What is the *Allgemeiner Deutscher Automobilclub (ADAC)*? Which services does it provide German motorists?

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5. When are *LKWs* (trucks) not allowed to drive on *Autobahnen*? Why is this *Fahrverbot* in place?

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6. How are *Staus* (traffic jams) in Germany measured?

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7. What does it mean to be *geblitzt* in Germany?

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8. What is *0,5 Promille*?

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9. How do you know who has the right of way on a German street (*Vorfahrt*)?

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**D. Deutsche Autos.** Decide if the following statements are true or false about cars in Germany.

1. All German cars come with air conditioning standard.

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2. Most German cars do not have drink holders.

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3. German car radios can turn themselves on when there are important traffic updates.

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**E. Einkaufen gehen.**

1. Most people in Germany prefer to shop in individual stores downtown for specific items rather than in \_\_\_\_\_ located on the outskirts of town.

2. Briefly explain the types of stores below, or what you could buy in them.

a. *die Bäckerei*:

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b. *die Metzgerei*:

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c. *die Konditorei*:

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d. *die Apotheke*:

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e. *die Drogerie*:

\_\_\_\_\_

f. *das Kaufhaus*:

\_\_\_\_\_

**E. Einkaufen gehen. (cont.)**

g. *das Einkaufszentrum*: \_\_\_\_\_

3. What is a *Fußgängerzone*?

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4. Sales tax in Germany is included in the posted price. This tax is called the \_\_\_\_\_.

5. Describe what the purpose of *der Grüne Punkt* is and how it works.

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**F. Kundendienst.**

1. How do service people in Germany act towards customers in general?

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2. Why did Walmart have problems expanding their business in Germany and eventually have to pull out?

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3. How do Germans view overly-helpful sales people, such as those you'd expect to find in America?

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**G. Landkarten und Stadtpläne.**

1. Label each of these standard icons that are used in German maps and on *Autobahnschilder*. Use the German names.



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**G. Landkarten und Stadtpläne. (cont.)**

2. How is the transportation network in Germany designed? Is this like what we tend to have in America?

3. Why is it important to know where major cities are when asking for directions in Germany or using the *Autobahnen*?