

Auf geht's! Cultural Targets

Unit 9: Unser Alltag

This handout covers the pertinent cultural information present in Unit 9 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. Greetings.

1. Write if the greetings and goodbyes below are found everywhere in Germany (E), in the north (N) or in the south (S).

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| a. Grüß Gott | <input type="checkbox"/> | d. Auf Wiederschauen | <input type="checkbox"/> | g. Auf Wiedersehen | <input type="checkbox"/> | j. Servus | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| b. Guten Tag | <input type="checkbox"/> | e. Pfiat di | <input type="checkbox"/> | h. Tschüss | <input type="checkbox"/> | k. Tschüssle | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| c. Moin, moin | <input type="checkbox"/> | f. Ade | <input type="checkbox"/> | i. Mach's gut | <input type="checkbox"/> | l. Hallo | <input type="checkbox"/> |

2. What does it mean when you say 'Wie geht's!' to someone in Germany? Why should you probably not use it as a greeting?

B. Gesundheit.

1. Define the following terms.

- a. *die Krankenkasse*:
- b. *die Krankenversicherung*:
- c. *Erste Hilfe*:
- d. *natürliche Heilmittel*:
- e. *der Kurort*:
- f. *die Kreislaufstörung*:

2. How do some Germans view healthcare? How does this differ from the typical American view?

C. Lebensabschnitte.

1. What do some Germans do in order to announce the birth of a baby?

2. True or false: Children in Germany continue to be baptized, even though religion generally does not play a large role in the lives of Germans.

3. How many young people in Germany receive an *Abitur* each year?

4. Where do Germans normally celebrate after completing their studies?

C. Lebensabschnitte. (cont.)

5. What is the tradition for new Ph.D. doctors in Göttingen with the *Gänselesel*?

6. What is *der Vätermonat*?

7. What is the current trend in marriage in Germany?

8. What is happening to the indigenous German population as time goes on?

9. Many Germans have two weddings; one is , and the other is .

10. Where are most German wedding receptions held?