

German Vocabulary List for *Go Fish*, *Seven Speaking and Listening Games for Learning Languages*

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The seven games in the book *Go Fish* are played with illustrated vocabulary cards. 126 items found “around the house” are pictured. Of these, 86 items appear on two cards each, and 40 additional items are represented by individual smaller pictures, providing additional vocabulary.

The list of vocabulary items shown in duplicate on the cards is subdivided into nine sub-set lists: Rooms, General Vocabulary, Kitchen, Living Room, Dining Room, Bedroom, Study, Bathroom, and Non-Count Items found in the Kitchen. The items on these lists do **not** appear in the book in this order.

It takes 26 pairs of cards (52 cards) to make a set for playing *Go Fish*. The cards appear in the book as playing sets in the following order: A 1-26, B 1-26, C 1-26, D 1-8. These numbers are on each card for identification, and they follow each word on the list below.

To make the cards more interesting, the two pictures on each pair of cards is different. For example, there are two pictures of doors, one open, the other closed. This may suggest game activities in which the students compare and contrast the pictures. In some cases, again to provoke discussion and learning, the items pictured are somewhat different. For example, there are two toasters, one a “pop up” toaster and the other a toaster oven.

The words given in the vocabulary list on page v of the book are common in American English. However, there are often common alternatives and regional differences. When these alternatives are very common, they are listed below. For example, “couch (*also*, sofa).” If known, less common alternatives, such as “divan,” can be taught at the teacher’s discretion, but they are not given here. In some cases, the alternatives may have slightly different meanings. “Study, office, den, and library” may all refer to the same room, but they suggest different functions, again providing a learning opportunity.

Finally, it should be pointed out that learning “the words for things” in a new language is sometimes both complicated and fascinating. A simple translation may not be accurate, because different cultures classify things in different ways. In American English, a “light” is anything that provides light. A lamp is a kind of light, but a light on the ceiling is always called a light. In other languages, anything that provides light is a lamp. If this is too confusing to students, or if the cards do not fit the language being studied, the teacher may choose not to use those cards. In some cultures, the items shown on the cards do not exist. If closets do not exist in a culture or language, the teacher may choose not to use the “closet” cards.

1 Zimmer

Küche A-1
Wohnzimmer A-2
Schlafzimmer A-3
Badezimmer A-4
Esszimmer A-5
Arbeitszimmer A-6
Keller C-1
Speicher C-2
Garage C-3
Veranda C-4

2 Allgemeines

Tür A-7
Fenster A-8
Lampe A-9
Licht A-10
Schalter A-11
Dach B-1
Decke B-2
Boden B-3
Wand B-4
Türgriff B-5

3 Küche

Herd A-12
Waschbecken A-13
Kühlschrank A-14
Toaster B-6
Mikrowelle B-7
Geschirrspüler B-8
Mixer B-9
Abfalleimer C-5
Kochtopf C-6
Bratpfanne C-7
Küchenmesser C-8
Bratenheber C-9

4 Wohnzimmer

Couch A-15
Polstersessel A-16
Kaffeetisch A-17
Fernseher B-10
DVD Player B-11
Buch B-12
Bücherregal B-13
Teppich B-14

5 Esszimmer

Esszimmertisch A-18
Stuhl A-19
Glas B-15
Gabel B-16
Löffel B-17
Messer B-18
Teller B-19
Schüssel B-20
Tasse B-21

6 Schlafzimmer

Bett A-20
Kommode A-21
Decke A-22
Kleiderschrank C-10
Kleiderbügel C-11
Kissen C-12
Bettbezug C-13
Spiegel C-14
Jalousie C-15

7 Arbeitszimmer

Schreibtisch A-23
Telefon A-24
Zeitung C-16
Aktenschrank C-17
Laptop C-18
Drucker C-19
Stereanlage C-20

8 *Badezimmer*

Badewanne A-25
Waschbecken A-26
Toilette B-22
Dusche B-23
Waschlappen B-24
Handtuch B-25
Wasserhahn B-26
Waage C-21
Kamm C-22
Bürste C-23
Rasierer C-24
Elektrorasierer C-25
Zahnbürste C-26

9 *Küche*

Mehl D-1
Seife D-2
Milch D-3
Eiswürfel D-4
Suppe D-5
Brot D-6
Butter D-7
Fleisch D-8

Additional Vocabulary

Teekesseln
Teekanne
Kerze
Feuerstelle
Kaffeekanne
Pfeffermühle und Salzstreuer
Mixer
Flasche
Kaffeemaschine
Bild
Zahnpasta
Ventilator
Steckdose und Stromkabel
Kindersitz
Tragbares Stereogerät
Schaukelstuhl

Vorhang
Garten / Blumen
Blumentopf
Gartenschaufel
Schaukel
Gießkanne
Gartenschlauch
Baum
Hammer
Schraubenzimmer
Bohrmaschine
Maßband
Feile
Hobel
Malerpinsel
Säge
Stufenleiter
Axt
Schere
Leiter
Kehrschaufel und Besen
Wischmop
Putzeimer
Staubsauger
Besen
Schaufel
Rechen
Mistgabel
Schubkarren
Harke
Gartenschere
Rasenmäher