

The following sentences were said in German podcasts

1. Ich hab' ihn gepuscht.

What's that verb in the infinitive and how would you conjugate it in the present tense?

Bonus question: is this verb regular or irregular?

The verb is puschen (can also be spelled pushen).

Ich pusche

Du puschst

Er/ sie/ es puscht

Wir puschen

Ihr puscht

Sie/sie puschen

It's a regular verb with the past participle formed with a 'ge' at the front and a 't' at the end: gepuscht.

2. Ich habe eine Message bekommen.

Is Message masculine, feminine or neuter? How do you know?

Feminine, the indefinite article 'eine' gives it away. Also, Message is a replacement word for 'Nachricht', which is also feminine

3. Gefinisht!

This is the past participle of a verb. What is it in the infinitive and how would you conjugate it in the present tense?

The verb is finishen

ich finishe

Du finishst

Er/ sie/ es finish

Wir finishen

Ihr finisht

Sie/ sie finishen



4. Das ist ein Eye-Catcher.

Is Eye-Catcher masculine, feminine or neuter? How do you know?

This one is a little tricky. 'Ein' tells you that it can't be feminine, so it's masculine or neuter.

Eye-Cather ends in 'er' and is also a replacement word for 'der Blickfang'. So it's der Eye-Catcher (can also be written as Eyecatcher).

5. Die Radfahrerin konnte nicht switchen.

What's that verb in the infinitive and how would you conjugate it in the present tense?

Bonus question: How would you say she didn't switch instead of couldn't switch?

The verb is switchen.

Ich switche

Du switchst

Er/sie/es switch

Wir switchen

Ihr switcht

Sie/ sie switchen

Sie hat nicht geswitcht.

The following were headlines from German newspaper articles

6. Gesundes Happy Meal

Is Happy Meal masculine, feminine or neuter and how do you know?

It's neuter. The adjective ending 'es' (gesundes) gives it away. If it was masculine it should have read 'gesunder' or feminine 'gesunde'.

7. ... neue Beachwear

I left out the article. What should it be and why?

Another tricky one, as the adjective ending doesn't tell you this time. Beachwear is a replacement word for 'die Strandbekleidung', which makes it feminine. Die Beachwear.



8. Lust auf ein echtes Bootcamp?

What gender is Bootcamp and how do you know?

'Ein' makes it masculine or neuter, but the 'es' from 'echtes' means it has to be neuter.

9. Endlich schlank & sexy mit den besten Tanzworkouts

What can you say about Tanzworkouts?

'mit DEN' means it has to be plural, and the 's' at the end of the noun confirms it.

10. Lieber Body, ...

What gender is Body and how do you know?

The 'lieber' tells you it's masculine. If it was feminine, you would have read 'liebe' and if neuter 'liebes'.

11. Los, wir killen Kilos!

How do you conjugate 'killen' in the present and how do you form the past tenses?

Ich kille

Du killst

Er/ sie/ es killt

Wir killen

Ihr killt

Sie/ sie killen

Ich habe ... gekillt.

Ich killte ...