

# THE MOZART TIMES



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Dear readers,

Even though we are going through a difficult time and a lot of things have changed for us, I have got one thing for you that did not change. The Mozart Times magazine! This time we will focus not only on current themes, such as quarantine and how to spend the free time that comes with it, or the infamous Columbus Day. But we will also give you our recommendations for some freshly released movies, latest fashion trends and maybe we will share some recipe for the tasty apple pie! We will also look into improving ourselves, specifically learning foreign languages. And because of that, our last segment, which is a fun little crossword, is all in German this time! We want to make use of the fact that this is a multilingual magazine and from now on we want to focus not only on English. So stay tuned for the next issue and enjoy this one!

Also I want to thank all the people that gave us hand and took part in contributing to this magazine. They gave us part of their free time and we could not make it without them. Thank you!

Justýna Křivková, G3.C

# The virus age

This coronavirus season put us all through an interesting test. Social contacts had stopped over night. The cities have gone quiet as if the time had stopped completely. This time took from us but also gave us many things but it is hard to say which one is main. For someone the quarantine is a gift and for someone it is a torture.

We knew about this virus a long time ago but here, in our country, it was not the main topic. Then almost everything had stopped at once. Schools, shops, restaurants. Students have to have online lessons, many people had to switch to homeoffice. Some families had connected and in some families it had gone the other way around. Being locked at home with the same people for 24 hours a day is at some places really problematic. And the fact we like them does not change a thing. The lack of social contact has appeared as difficult. Yes, the existence of social media has helped a lot, but nothing can replace the face to face contact. Hobbies, sports, interesting activities – things, that fulfill many people's daily lives, had disappeared. And the worst thing was the hopelessness, the knowing that we can not do anything.

On the bright side we got some time. Time for things we had pushed away as long as we could. Right now is the best time to try new things or to finally clean up our rooms. We could manage our time as we wanted, not as we had to. The time where we had to start to learn with more responsibility and independency. Someone was happy with this option because they could manage which work they would do and when. It was the test of our responsibility. Even though not many students will wish for two years of holidays anymore. There was a space for us to get our thoughts in line and to think about what is really important to us. In my opinion, many people had realised what their friends and family mean to them.

Over summer holidays we somewhat got into our normal routines but now the precautions are back. Even lockdown has returned. Someone can say, because we have already gone through this, it might be easier this time. It is never going to be easier. The uncertainty is devastating. Things will probably not be normal ever again and many things will change. But I hope someone realised nothing is granted and what we have now may not be there tomorrow. That is why we should have on our minds what this season gave us and what it took from us and act on it. Do not forget important things. Slow down and do not leave responsibilities on last minute. Now we saw that we never know what is going to happen in the future. The time of Covid 19 is hard but it is on us what we will bring out of it.

Terezie Plašilová, G3.C

# Exploring unknown regions

## An activity to try (not only) in quarantine

At the beginning of March, we all found ourselves in a situation almost none of us could have predicted. A pandemic. Our daily lives were flipped upside down as schools were closed and all physical contacts with other human beings were on the edge of being illegal. Now at the time I am writing this, it is not clear whether that will not happen again this autumn. But this time, we are prepared! Maybe. At least we know what to expect. And as good humans, and the saviors of our beloved nation, we must be responsible and do our best to prevent the virus from spreading!

We should stay away from other people, but we also should care about our mental and physical health. So, staying inside the house all day, doing stuff for school, or scrolling through social media is not the best solution. We should go out into the nature and move our bodies. But walking the same paths for 3 months straight can get a bit dreary. Therefore, let me introduce you to the idea of

### Exploring unknown regions

The name may sound a bit weird, but do not get scared. The main point of it is to go out and take the path you have never taken before. Go to a park or a forest and you will find out that there are many paths, that you have no idea where they lead to. In our daily lives, we mostly only take the routes that we are closely familiar with, as they are the fastest or the most comfortable. However, now we are in the middle of a world crisis. It is about time to slow down and appreciate this present moment and this reality that we live in, as tomorrow might bring us a whole new level of unexpectedness that would change our lives forever. One of the ways to enjoy the present moment and to feel alive is by exploring the unknown regions surrounding your home. You can take a family member with you, if you are afraid of getting lost, but give it a shot. It is a fun experience and after you come back home, you will feel this kind of accomplishment of expanding your horizons.

I think this is the hunter-gatherer spirit inside of us that likes exploring its surroundings. Thousands of years ago, the lives of our ancestors greatly depended on how well they knew their territory. ,Oh no, a tribe of our enemies is coming to our village to kill us all! Hurry let's hide in that cave that I've found on my last hunt! Its entrance is covered with bushes, so they won't be able to find us!' Or something like that :D

We think that we are different from our ancestors, but most of our instincts and impulses are exact same ones that they had. We like to eat high-calorie foods, we like to feel accepted by others, and we are scared of spiders, because these things mean a bigger likelihood of our survival. And exploration is also one of these things. Getting some dopamine flowing by mapping an unknown territory is surely better than by playing videogames or eating a hamburger.

So, what are you waiting for? Go grab a good pair of shoes and head out into the unknown!

(The author wishes to remain anonymous.)





## Christopher Columbus day/Indigenous peoples' day

At school we learn that Christopher Columbus discovered America. It does not matter that millions of people had already lived there for centuries and Columbus was not even the first European who landed there. (Plus he did not even put his foot on the ground of this land) Native Americans do not celebrate this day because they know what he did on the land and to their ancestors.

Columbus and his people enslaved indigenous people and not only that but they also killed many of them and tortured them. They raped their women and forced them to give birth. Native Americans tried to resist which caused many deaths and their bodies were put in the streets to remind them what will happen to a rebellious person.

He caused the genocide of indigenous people and we celebrate him as a hero. He wrote a diary where he described those actions and much more terrible things.

Many states decided to celebrate Indigenous peoples' day instead of Christopher Columbus day. They acknowledged those terrible things and Native Americans get after all those years some closure. Still, they have to face many things as discrimination and erasure of their history.

We should all think about this and why we think of Christopher Columbus as a hero.

Robin Novotný, G3.C

# A Life on Our Planet: A documentary that every human should see

„This film is David Attenborough’s witness statement. “

These are the last words of a documentary called David Attenborough: A Life on Our Planet. This documentary shows us how wild nature has managed to change in one man's life. David Attenborough, who is a well-known traveller, scientist and documentarist, tells us about his life devoted to the study of nature. He remembers nature how it was when he was a young boy. He remembers how it changed when he was an adult and compares it to what it looks like today, when he is 94 years old. It has changed a lot.

Everything in our world is connected and interdependent. Our humankind is destroying this harmony. Our planet is exhausted. Surely, you have heard of problems like global warming, soil degradation and deforestation. People are talking about them more and more these days. Maybe it is getting boring for you. However, this film shows the real impact of these issues.

The documentary is full of stunning shots of landscapes but it is also filled with shots of sick and ruined nature sceneries. There many heart breaking facts about the harmful impact of humanity on our planet. After watching the first half of the film one feels sad and hopeless. But then David Attenborough comes with solutions and gives us hope.

I think that it is very important to spread this documentary among people so it can remind us, that there is only one planet for us.

Plus, you will be practicing your English!

Adéla Vaňková, G2.B



## Tenet

In a world where certain objects or even people can travel backwards in time, our Protagonist finds himself in the middle of a war, war that is going to decide the fate of whole mankind. Armed only with a word, tenet, the Protagonist is going to play a major part in this war. I will not tell you anymore about the story, for that you will have to visit the cinema.

Tenet was written and directed by one of the best directors Hollywood can offer these days – Christopher Nolan. His bookshelf of movies contains masterpieces like Inception, Interstellar or The Dark Knight trilogy. As is Nolan's custom, the movie is very complex, and you are probably going to need to see it multiple times to fully appreciate it. Another thing that is typical for Nolan is not using much of a CGI. That means that lot of the 200 million \$ was spent on practical effects and that means when you see a plane crash in the movie, they literally took a plane and drove it into a building. That takes us to the visual side of Tenet, which was awesome. In some scenes you can see people moving forwards and backwards through time simultaneously and much more mind-blowing stuff. From main roles I can name John David Washington, Robert Pattison, Elizabet Debickhi and much more. Even though characters do not show much emotions throughout the film, with some exceptions, the acting was great as were the fight scenes.

The role of the movie itself was like the role of the Protagonist – to save the world of cinema. It was the first blockbuster to enter the cinemas since the beginning of the pandemic, so many producers are going to plan their strategy of releasing new movies based on the financial success of Tenet. And with 50 million \$ for the first weekend and that was without US cinemas, I think it did a great job.

Tomáš Pazderka, G2.C



# Autumn style

(The author wishes to remain anonymous.)

Autumn is my favourite season because of many things. When somebody says autumn I imagine beautifully coloured landscape, falling leaves, hot tea and rainy weather.

But first, there are outfits. Sweater and jeans, jackets and boots this combination is typical for autumn weather. This season is adorable for colours. Leaves of different colours are falling and this makes fall so lovely. We can see orange, brown, green, yellow.



The most practical colour for cloths is brown. Every girl should wear a brown top. A brown sweater with long sleeved, dark grey jeans and chester shoes, Timberland or Dr. Martens are integral part of fall.



## Coat

A coat is an important part of our wardrobe. Every outfit looks more casual with brown or grey coat. But coloured coat can look wonderful too.





## Hoodie

You can never go wrong with a hoodie.

The hoodie matches everything.

It is comfortable and still adorable.



## Basic T – shirt

A basic t-shirt is a must-have. With a black or white t-shirt

you will never go wrong.



### Suit jacket

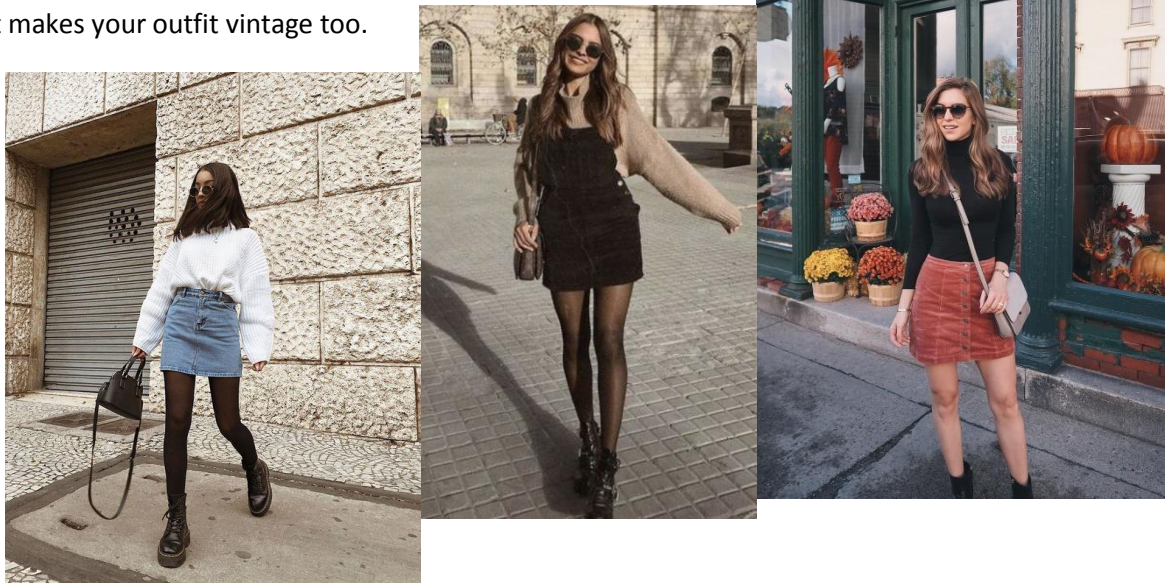
I love outfits with a suit jacket. This style looks original and amazing.



### Skirt or dress

Corduroy skirts, dresses but also trousers are in again. Our parents remember this material from their teenage years and now it is becoming more and more popular.

A denim skirt makes your outfit vintage too.





## Leather

This is one of the top materials this year. A leather jacket, leather trousers or leggings, leather shoes, bag, in short, everything.



## Autumn recipe

Apples and cinnamon are the basic taste of autumn. And I love this recipe for apple pie.

### Ingredients

For the dough

300 g flour

50 ml milk

200 g cold butter

Pinch of salt

For the filling

1 kg apples

80 g sugar

1 teaspoon cinnamon

And you can also add raisins

Steps to make it





Mix all ingredients together (Cut the butter into small pieces.)

Dough must be smooth.

Put the dough in to the fridge in shrink wrap foil for 30 minutes.

Meanwhile, cut apples into thin slices.

Then mix cinnamon with sugar.

Divide the dough into two parts.

Then now continue according to pictures:



Brush with beaten egg.

Bake in the oven for 50 minutes (150 C)

## Easy snack

Apples with peanut butter

Cut apples into small slices and dip them in peanut butter. It is healthy and you feel full longer.



# Resources for passive learning

## Fall in love with the German language

(The author wishes to remain anonymous.)

Learning a foreign language can be a great challenge. Especially the second one. We often view learning languages as a chore, something that we just must do. We HAVE TO learn it because it is a school subject, and we want to get good grades. We HAVE TO learn it because it will help us get a job in the future. But is that good enough of a motivation? Would it not be so much easier, if learning the language was at least a tiny bit more fun? Where is the fun in sitting above a book, trying to memorize some crazy grammar points and insane amount of new vocabulary for the upcoming test, am I right? However, learning a language can in fact be fun as well. All you have to do is to just fall in love with it.

The specific language we will be focusing on in this article is German. There are several reasons for this – first, German is the most studied second language on our school, so there are many students that might benefit from this. And second, many people believe that German is a harsh language and consider it less beautiful than, for example French. I am here to prove you wrong and show you, that learning German can be fun and for those that are not studying it and are just curious, that there is so much more to the German language than just Hitler's speeches and Rammstein's music.

### INTRODUCTION TO PASSIVE LEARNING

What is even passive learning? Passive learning includes listening and reading. You can also learn a language actively, that means actively studying new things and using it while speaking and writing. It is true that active learning will show you more results more quickly, but passive learning can make your active learning even more effective. That is how we all have first learned our mother tongue after all – by listening and then repeating what we heard. Can you imagine a baby trying to learn how to speak with a textbook? That would not work well, would it?

Passive learning is very powerful and implementing it to your language learning routine can save you a lot of headaches. Advertisements work similarly, I am sure you can recite a slogan of a random company that you have heard a few times in the tv or on the radio, even though you have not tried to memorize it. Now imagine that you could recall vocabulary words during a test just as easily as you can recall the song of the green annoying creature trying to sell electronics.

So now you just have to find resources, that you can listen to or watch that you would enjoy. I am here to recommend you some of my favorite resources and to encourage you to find your own, that would really suit your interests and tastes.

And remember, passive learning is not about understanding everything perfectly, it is about getting used to the sound of the language and getting to know the culture. So do not feel discouraged if you do not understand anything in the beginning.

### MUSIC



Mike Singer – Deja vu

This song really showed me how nice German can sound when I was first learning it.

Other artists that I really like, and think are worth listening to are *Jannik Brunke* and *Madeline Juno*.

But if you are a fan of rap, then you can try listening to *KAYEF* and if metal is your cup of

tea, you can go ahead and listen to *Rammstein*.



And if you like meme songs I can recommend you Moskau and *Die Woodys* :D

## YOUTUBERS

You can find lots of fun sketches on the channel of *LiDiRo* or *Gong Bao* and a lot of them have German subtitles as well. Another channel worth mentioning is *Wailam*, he makes short funny animations based on

his life experiences. Or *Tomary*, that films videos about self-experiments!

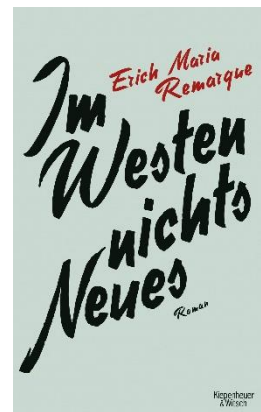
## Get educated with YouTube

There are tons of educational videos in German on the internet so if you are looking for a way to revise some History or Literature, you can kill two birds with one stone with these channels. *MrWissen2go Geschichte* is a must for those interested in History, *Musstewissen Chemie* can help you revise some Chemistry and *Psychologeek* can teach you something new about psychology. If you are looking for ways to revise some plots in famous works of Literature, be sure to check out *Sommers Weltliteratur to go*.

## AUDIOBOOKS

Learning with audiobooks is a great way to expand your vocabulary. And I have prepared some tips for you, that will prevent you from being frustrated that you do not understand almost anything.

1. Choose a book that you have already read in Czech. It should also be a book that you like or know very well. That way, you will know what is going on in the story even though you do not understand all the words.
2. The book should be a famous classic or by a German author. You will be more likely to find audiobooks for such books that are free on the internet.
3. After you have chosen the book, find its German name and look it up on YouTube with the word *Hörbuch*. And now, enjoy :)
- (4. If the book is old enough, you can find its pdf version on the internet and read along the audiobook as well)



That is all for the recommendations. I hope some of them will help you on your journey learning German. I have not included movies or series, because I do not know many of them, but if you think that is the way you could learn German, go ahead and search for German movies on YouTube and Netflix! And for those that are not learning German, do not be afraid to implement these tips onto other languages as well! Whether that be English, Spanish, Russian or French, just find ways to enjoy listening to the language and you will be surprised how fast your skills will improve. Thanks for reading and good luck with your language learning! :)

(here is a stupid German joke that I just have to share)  
*Egal wie viele CDs du hast, Carl Benz hat Mercedes :')*

1. Kleidung typisch für den Herbst.
2. Man erntet die...
3. Was wird reif, süß und saftig?
4. Was kommt im Herbst?
5. Manche ..... ziehen in südliche Rastgebiete.
6. Die Tiere bereiten sich auf den .... vor.
7. Was brennt?
8. Was färbt sich rot und braun?
9. Astronomisch beginnt der Herbst mit Tag-und-Nacht- ....
10. Das weltweit größte Volkfest, das im September-Oktober stattfindet.

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Antwort:

Lösung: 1. Strickjacke, 2. Kartoffeln, 3. Frucht, 4. Erntezeit, 5. Vögel, 6. Schlaf, 7. Kerze, 8. Blätter, 9. Gleiche, 10. Oktoberfest