**Das Wochentagelied** (gap-fill in)

**1. Complete the song with the days of the week**

Am \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ muss der Papa früh zur Arbeit,

\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ wollen wir ins Freibad gehen.

Am \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ muss ich dann zum Zahnarzt.

\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ kommt Oma zu Besuch.

Am \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ hab ich immer Fußballtraining.

Diesen \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_, da geht es in den Zoo.

\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ ist der siebte Tag der Woche

Und die Wochentage,

die merkst du dir so:

Erst kommt der \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

und dann der \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_,

danach der \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ und

dann der \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_,

dann kommen \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_,

\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_, \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_.

Und nach dem \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

geht es dann von vorne los.

Am \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ müssen alle ganz früh aufstehen.

\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_, da geh ich zum Ballet.

\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ besucht mich meine Freundin.

\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ kaufen wir gemeinsam ein.

Am \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ schneidet Mama mir die Haare.

Diesen \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ geht es wieder in den Zoo.

\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ ist der siebte Tag der Woche

Und die Wochentage,

die merkst du dir so:

Erst kommt der \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

und dann der \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_,

danach der \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ und

dann der \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_,

dann kommen \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_,

\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_, \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_.

Und nach dem \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

geht es dann von vorne los.

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**2. Match the following vocabulary items with the German expressions from the text.**

father \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

work \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

outdoor pool \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

dentist \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

grandmother \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

visit \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

football training \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

zoo \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

week \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

seven \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

day of the week \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

get up early \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

ballet \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

friend \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

hair \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

**Choose which of these exercises you want to do now in class. Task number 5 is very difficult but maybe you want to challenge yourself and see how much German you already know or can figure out from the context or your background knowledge about the topic. Complete the rest as homework.**

**3. Summarise what the song was about.**

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**4. Complete the wordsearch.**

**Die Wochentage**

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**5. Translate the following days of the week into English.****Montag \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_****Sonntag \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_****Freitag \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_****Dienstag \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_****Mittwoch \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_****Donnerstag \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_****Samstag \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_** |
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**5. The following text in German is about the origins of the names for the days of the week. Try to answer the questions on the last page with the help of the text.**

**Sonntag und Montag**

**Sonntag** und **Montag** sind den beiden wichtigsten Himmelsgestirnen gewidmet: Der Sonne und dem Mond! Der Sonntag basiert auf dem aus dem Lateinischen stammenden *"dies solis"*, dem Tag der Sonne, die den Römern heilig war. Auch das englische Wort *"Sunday"* verweist noch auf diesen Ursprung.

Im Zuge der Verschmelzung kirchlicher und heidnischer Rituale wurde der Sonntag zudem als *"Tag des Herrn"* (dies domini) bezeichnet. Daran erinnern heute unter anderem noch der Sonntag im Französischen (dimanche), der italienische *"domenica"* sowie der spanische domingo. Dem zweitwichtigsten Himmelsgestirn wird durch den Montag gehuldigt: Der Mond Das englische Wort *"Monday"* erinnert daran ebenso wie der französische lundi.

**Dienstag: Göttervater oder Kriegsgott?**

Undurchsichtiger ist die Herkunft des Wortes *"Dienstag"*. **Dienstag** stammt vom griechischen Wort *"dios"*, womit Götter ganz allgemein, aber auch der Göttervater Zeus bezeichnet wurden. Allerdings ist der germanische Kriegsgott *"Tiwaz"* ebenfalls sprachverwandt mit *"dios"*. Die Römer wiederum nannten diesen Gott Mars. In ganz Europa gibt es für den Dienstag unterschiedliche Bezeichnungen. Im Deutschen richten wir uns nach *"dios"*, die Briten orientieren sich mit *"Tuesday"* am Gott *"Tiwaz"*, im Französischen wird vom Kriegsgott *"mardi"* ausgegangen.

**Am Mittwoch vertrieben: Merkur und Wotan**

Den **Mittwoch**, den wir heute kennen, war dem germanischen Gott Wotan geweiht, während er bei den Römern als *"Tag der Gottheit Merkur"* galt. Noch heute erinnert der englische *"Wednesday"* bzw. der französische *"mercredi"* an Merkur. Beide Götter fielen allerdings vor gut 1000 Jahren der zunehmenden Christianisierung zum Opfer, der Mittwoch wurde ganz einfach zur *"Mitte der Woche"* erklärte.

**Donar oder Jupiter?**

Der **Donnerstag** verweist auf den Wettergott Donar, den die Germanen für Blitz und Donner verantwortlich machten. Im Englischen entstammt der *"Thursday"* ebenfalls dieser Mythologie. Donars Platz lässt sich mit dem des römischen Jupiter vergleichen. In den romanischen Sprachkreisen wie Spanien, Frankreich oder Italien verweist dieser Wochentag deshalb auf Jupiter: *"Jeudi"* im Französischen, *"giovedi"* in Italien und *"jueves"* in Spanien.

**Ende der Woche: Die Göttinnen sind am Werk**

Die germanische Göttin Freya war die Gemahlin von Wotan und für alle Dinge der Liebe zuständig. Sie wurde zur Namenspatronin für den deutschen **Freitag** und den britischen *"Friday"*. In den romanischen Sprachen ist der Freitag nach Freyas Pendant, der Götting Venus, benannt: z. B. französisch *"Vendredi"*.

**Sonnabend: verschiedene Ursprünge**

In römischer Zeit war der **Samstag** - oft auch **Sonnabend** genannt - dem Saturn gewidmet, was unter anderem noch im englischen Wort *"Saturday"* erkennbar ist. Während der Christianisierung wurde der *"Saturn-Tag"* jedoch durch den Sonnabend verdrängt. In einigen Teilen Deutschlands ist die Formulierung Samstag üblich, die ebenfalls auf missionarische Aktivitäten zurückgeht. In diesem Fall musste Saturn einer Ableitung des hebräischen Wortes *"Sabbat"* weichen.

Source: http://www.wissen-info.de/kalender/wochentage.php

**Questions on the text (in chronological order):**

1. The days Sunday and Monday are dedicated to which of the two most important planets?

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1. From which language does the name for Sunday come from (tip: ‘dies solis’)

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1. The Sunday was also referred to as the ‘Day of the Father’ in German. Which other three languages make the same reference?

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1. Which name for a day of the week in English refers to the moon?

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1. What is the name of the German god of war which gives the Tuesday its name?

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1. Which two gods lend their names to Wednesday?

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1. What do the German words ‘Blitz’ and ‘Donner’ mean?

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1. What was the name of the goddess who lend her name to the word ‘Friday’? Which other god (previously mentioned in the text) was her husband?

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1. Which planet is the Saturday dedicated to?

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