

ENGLISCH **3** **4**

Aufsätze und andere Texte schreiben

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3. und 4. Klasse AHS-Mittelschule

Lösungen

Describing a person

1

Raster

body shape: slim, obese, thin, skinny, fat

looks (face, eyes, mouth, hair ...): handsome, old, bald, long, short, big, round, beautiful, pretty, pale, freckled, braid/plait, small, good-looking, curly

clothes: fashionable, old, striped, modern, colourful, old-fashioned

personality: friendly, active, shy, boring, open

2

Steckbrief

What is the person's name/nickname? Hermione/Minnie

How old is she? 13

How tall is she? tall for her age

What does she look like (body, face, eyes, nose, mouth ...)? long brown hair, green-brown eyes, round face

How does she wear her hair? in a plait/braid

What colour is her hair? brown

What kind of clothes does she usually wear? jeans and T-shirts

Where does she live? in a village in Cornwall, England

Does she have any brothers and/or sisters? twin sister, brother (5)

Does she have any pets? two guinea pigs, dog

What is she good at (at school, outside of school)? Maths, playing piano and playing tennis

What are her hobbies? reading, swimming, riding her bike

Who is her favourite band/singer? Ke\$ha

What is her favourite book/movie/TV series? vampire stories, science fiction and fantasy movies, Simpsons

What is her favourite colour? green

What is her favourite food/dish? pizza

What is special about her? friendly, likes to laugh, keeps secrets, good friend

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Geordneter und ergänzter Text

My friend is called Melanie but all her friends call her Melli. She is 14 years old. She is not very tall. Melanie has long blonde hair with a few red streaks (Strähnen). She often wears her hair in a ponytail. Melanie is quite slim as she likes doing sports. Melanie has blue eyes and long eyelashes. She hates her lips because she thinks they are too thin.

She often wears skirts and dresses but she also likes to wear jeans. In summer she also wears shorts and sports shoes.

Melli lives in a nice little house with her parents and her two siblings (Geschwister). She goes to school by train as she lives in a small village near Baden. She often goes to the cinema with her older brother and her younger sister. They all love fantasy films.

Melanie loves animals and she has three pets: a rabbit called Arthur, a hamster called Mortimer and a dog called Molly.

When I visit her we sometimes play with her dog Molly. When it is hot we cool off in their swimming pool.

Melli is good at drawing and languages. Her favourite subjects at school are Art, English and Spanish.

Her hobbies are ice skating, reading and playing computer games. Melli likes to read romantic stories but sometimes she also reads books about vampires.

Melanie also plays the saxophone. She does not have a favourite singer or band. Her favourite food is Indian food. Her favourite dessert is apple pie.

Melli is very friendly and she likes meeting new people. In the evening she sometimes chats with her friends on Facebook.

Melli and I often hang out together and whenever I need help she is there for me. She is a really good friend and she never lets me down.

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So könnte der Text über Robert aussehen:

My best friend's name is Robert but everybody calls him Robbie.

Robbie is 14 years old and 170 cm tall. He is the tallest boy in our class. Robbie is very thin although he seems to eat all the time. He has short black hair, green eyes and he always looks pale.

Robbie likes to wear jeans and T-shirts and he hates it when he has to wear a shirt and a suit. He feels uncomfortable in elegant clothes.

Robbie lives in Liverpool with his parents and his two younger brothers. They live in a big apartment with a nice little balcony. They have two pets, a cat called Missy and a dog called Tiger. Robbie looks after Tiger and always goes for a walk with him after school.

Robbie is good at soccer and he would like to be a professional football player one day. At school he is really bad at German and Art, so I sometimes help him with his German homework.

Robbie's hobbies are swimming and riding his bike. He is also in the school's swim team. His favourite singer is Justin Bieber, his favourite band are the Black Eyed Peas. Robbie does not really read a lot but he likes to watch action movies. His favourite series is South Park but his parents think it is too violent. Robbie's favourite colour is blue. He loves chocolate cake but he hates cheese.

Robbie is a really good friend. He is very open and you can have a lot of fun with him. When I need help he is always there for me.

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Emails

1. Informal or personal emails

Finding mistakes

Dear All,

I **have been** here in Orland Park **for** almost a month now.

On my first day at my new school I was really **nervous** because I didn't **know** anybody. I was also a bit **worried** about my accent and I was afraid nobody would understand me. But guess what?

There were a lot of other new kids and a friendly teacher helped us find our classes.

My new school is huge and sometimes I still get lost!

School **here** in America is very different from school in **Austria**. Here the **teachers** stay in the classroom and the kids move around. If you need to go to the toilet (they call it bathroom here) you need a hall pass.

School starts later **than** in Austria but we have to stay at school till 3 p.m. The lessons are only 40 instead of 50 minutes. You can also **choose** some of your classes. I think that is great!

We have the same classes every day. **That's** sometimes boring but I guess I will get used to the new system soon.

After school there are a **lot** of clubs and activities. I have joined the volleyball team and I sing in the school choir. As my voice is **quite** good I got a part in a musical. I think that's really cool!

The clubs and activities have helped **me** to find **many** new friends.

Of course there are also some bullies at my new school but I try to stay away from them.

Guess what? I have also got one of **these** cool lockers you know from TV! Unfortunately they are not as big as I thought they would be. I was also surprised to see **how** clean the school is. I think they clean the floors with big machines every evening.

Take care and write back soon!

Anna

So könnten deine E-Mails aussehen:

1

Hi Sabrina,

What are you doing at the weekend? I just checked the cinema programme and found out that they are showing the latest Sandra Bullock movie on Saturday. I would love to go and see it but I don't want to go alone.

Would you like to come with me? I'm sure it will be fun. I'll buy the popcorn this time 😊

CU,

Mimi

2

Hi Markus,

Just a quick note to let you know that we have arrived safely.

We went straight to our hotel from the airport and after a quick shower and a snack (we didn't get any food on the plane) we got on the tube to Harrod's (It's a good thing we learned how to use the tube map in our English class!). My mum wanted to see the famous Food Halls at Harrod's.

Well, they were okay.

Tomorrow we are going to visit the Tower in the morning and Madam Tussauds in the afternoon.

We already got tickets for both places.

For lunch today I had my first fish and chips. I loved it!

London is a very busy place but I think that is cool!

Take care!

Alex

3

Hi,

HELP! We are going to write a maths test next week but there are still a few things I don't understand. Do you have time to study with me on Sunday and explain the things I don't understand? You know me, I'm terrible at studying alone! I get distracted (abgelenkt) easily.

I'd really appreciate your help! I'll provide the food (loads of muffins) and drinks for us 😊.

Text me on my mobile to let me know if you have time!

Thanks,

Tina

2. Formal emails

Finding mistakes

Dear Mr and Mrs O'Hara,

I **have** now **been** back **for** three weeks but school started a week ago and so it was not possible for **me** to write to you earlier.

How are you? Are you busy as **usual**? Do you have any new guests?

I am **missing** you and all my friends from the language school a **lot**! We had so much fun together!

Thank you for treating me **like** a member of your family.

How is Misty, my favourite dog? Does he still try to steal **any** food that you don't put away but **leave** on the kitchen table?

Last week I **got an** email from my Italian friend Guilia (**Remember** Guilia ? She stayed with your neighbours.). Like me she is still in contact with some of the boys and girls from my language class. I was lucky because I made so **many** good friends **while** I was in England. It was really interesting to meet **people** from all over the world. As I had to speak a lot of **English** I think my spoken English has improved a lot (unfortunately I still have problems with my written English).

My parents, my brother and my sister are all fine. My sister will take her A-level exams this year, so we are all very **excited**. My brother is still crazy about football and he is now playing in a football team! My mum is **worried** that he **will not have** enough time to study for school!

By the way, I think I left a **pair of jeans** and a T-shirt in the cupboard of my room. Could you please send them to me? Please let us know **how** much money you **paid** for shipping my clothes.

Please write soon. My parents send **their** regards. I hope I can come back again next year. I really loved staying with you. Thank you for **everything!** I hope there are not **too** many mistakes in this letter.

Yours sincerely,
Thomas

So könnten deine E-Mails aussehen:

1

Dear Dr White,

I am writing to you because I need your advice.

I turned 14 two weeks ago but my parents still do not want to let me stay out longer than 9 p.m., not even at weekends. All my friends are all allowed to stay out till 11 p.m. or later!

When I tried to talk to my parents they just said that I am still too young to go to youth clubs or discos. They are afraid that I will start drinking or get into contact with drugs.

How can I convince them that I am not going to get into trouble and that they cannot protect me forever?

Yours sincerely,
Zoe

2

Email of application

Emily Jackson
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Martina Freitag
Rosengasse 23
2542 Kottlingbrunn

4th March, 20..

Dear Ms Jackson,

I saw your advertisement in our local paper and I would like to apply for the job. I am 16 years old and I would love to work at your English summer camp. It would be a great opportunity to earn some money and practice my English at the same time.

I have a lot of experience with children as I have three younger brothers and sisters. They are 3, 6 and 11. I often help my parents to look after them. I also play with them or help them with their homework.

I also have some experience as a babysitter. I have worked for families in our neighbourhood, looking after kids who range in age from 1 to 10.

I have been learning English for 6 years, so my command of English is quite good. I regularly go to

England with my parents in the summer. Last year I even attended a summer course in Brighton. If you need any references, my English teacher would be more than happy to provide them. I hope you will consider my application and I look forward to hearing from you.

Yours sincerely,
Martina Freitag

Continue the story

Deine Geschichte könnte so aussehen:

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When Peter looked out of the window he couldn't believe his eyes. There was a strange object right in front of his window. It was yellow and green and looked like a miniature spaceship. "What the heck is this?" he thought. "Sandy, come here! Look!" he shouted. Sandy, Peter's sister, stormed into the room. "What is it?" she asked. "Look outside," Peter answered. Now Sandy saw the yellow and green object in the garden too. "Do you think what I think it is?" she asked. Peter didn't answer. He kept staring out of the window. "Maybe we should go and take a closer look at it," Sandy said. Together they went out into the garden. As they were alone at home they were scared but at the same time they wanted to know what the strange object really was.

Suddenly a small door on the miniature spaceship opened and a tiny creature stepped out.

Sandy and Peter were really excited. A real alien had landed in their garden! It did not look like any of the aliens in the movies Sandy and Peter liked to watch. It almost looked like a human being, only much shorter.

Before the two children could say anything they heard a kind of voice in their heads. Did the strange creature use telepathy to communicate with them? Somehow they could understand what the visitor from outer space was trying to tell them. He was from a far away planet called Xerox 3 and on the way to a planet called Xenia 5 his spaceship had broken down. That's why he had landed in Sandy's and Peter's garden. He asked the children for some tools because he needed to repair his spaceship. He could only stay on the earth for a few hours as the oxygen (Sauerstoff) in the air was bad for him. Peter and Sandy helped their strange guest to repair his spaceship. They had many questions but they understood that he had to leave as quickly as possible if he did not want to die.

After three hours the man from outer space said goodbye to Peter and Sandy and then he took off in his spaceship again.

"I hope he will come back one day!" Sandy said and then she and Peter went back into the house.

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Writing a story from prompts

Deine Geschichte könnte so aussehen:

①

camping holiday in Australia, bush fire, tent, get lost, scared, kangaroo, rescue plane, happy

Tom, Sally and Peter were good friends. They were students at Barchester University and spent a lot of time together.

Last year they decided to go on a camping holiday in Australia. None of them had ever been to Australia, but they were all very interested in the nature of this continent and in the culture of the Aborigines, the native people of Australia.

Then the big day arrived and they boarded a plane to Sydney. There they rented a car and started their trip into the outback. The weather was very hot and dry. After a long drive and a night in a tiny hotel, they reached an area where hardly anyone lived.

In the evening they put up their tents and spent the first night in the Australian outback.

On the next day they drove on and Sally was very excited because she was the first one to spot a kangaroo right next to the road. While they were driving and listening to the news on the radio they heard that there was a big bush fire not far from where they were. "Maybe we should go back," Tom said. "I've heard these fires are really dangerous!" "Don't be stupid," Peter said and drove on. But suddenly there was a strong wind and on their left they saw something like a firewall coming closer and closer. The bushland was on fire and suddenly there was smoke everywhere. "We have to get away from here!" Sally shouted. "Turn right!" So Peter left the road and drove into the bush. Soon they were lost. The three friends were very scared but they knew they had to drive on to get away from the fire.

Fortunately they had a mobile phone that worked in the wilderness. They called the rangers but could not tell them where they were. So the rangers sent a rescue plane to look for the three young people. After some time the pilot saw their car and found a place where he could land the plane. Tom, Sally and Peter got onto the plane and a ranger drove their car back to the next town. The young people were happy that they had survived the bush fire.

Adventure/Mystery/Fantasy stories

So könnte deine Geschichte aussehen:

Peter and Tim were best friends although they were very different.

Peter loved reading, he was a clever boy who always helped his friends when they had a problem.

There was just one thing Peter was not good at – sports.

Tim was very good at sports, he was tall and strong and when he wanted to achieve (erreichen) something he never gave up. He also loved animals, most of all, his dog Rusty. There was just one thing Tim was not good at – remembering things.

One day the two friends wanted to watch birds on Mount Elsie, a small mountain near their hometown. They set out early in the morning and enjoyed the walk in the bright sunshine. When they were already quite high up and were just watching a beautiful falcon (Falke) the weather suddenly changed. The sky was cloudy and all of a sudden there was fog everywhere. The boys could hardly see their hands in front of their faces. They could not see the path (Pfad) that would take them back home. They had no idea where they were.

"Let's take the compass, it will help us to find the way back," Peter said.

"The compass? Oh no, I forgot to put it into my backpack!" Tim answered.

Peter could not believe it. Now he was really angry with Tim.

"I'm sure we can find the way without a compass," Tim said. "Let's go!"

Without looking back he started to climb down the mountain.

"Stop!" Peter shouted. "This is much too dangerous! Let's stay here and call our parents on the mobile phone."

"Don't be childish, you are such a coward!" Tim answered and disappeared in the fog.

Peter couldn't understand his friend. He called his parents and told them everything. They phoned the mountain rangers who soon found Peter. Then they started looking for Tim. When they found him he was lying on the ground because he had fallen and sprained his ankle.

The mountain rangers took the two boys back to their parents. Peter was glad that nothing worse had happened to his friend. Tim had to see a doctor and had to wear a bandage on his leg for a few days. Both boys were very happy to be back home.

Fairy tale

Part 1

The three magic nuts

Once upon a time there was a poor family. The farmer and his wife had three sons and a daughter. The daughter was called Happy because she was friendly and always made her brothers laugh. One day the father said, "All our money is gone and we have nothing to eat. I have to go to the castle and try to find work. Maybe the king needs a hunter."

Happy's three brothers went with their father. They hoped that they would also find work at the castle. While her father and her brothers were gone Happy went into the wood to collect firewood.

Suddenly she saw something shining in the grass. When she went closer she saw that the shining thing was a golden nut. When she picked it up she saw two more golden nuts lying in the grass.

Happy could not believe her luck. She took the nuts and ran home.

She showed the nuts to her mother. At first they did not know what to do with the nuts. Then Happy had an idea. "Maybe they are magic nuts. Let's open them and see what is inside."

Part 2

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When Happy opened the first nut she suddenly heard a voice: "Eat the nut, then make a wish."

Happy was really excited. The nuts were indeed magic!

First Happy wanted a nice house for her family and herself, then she wanted enough food for all of them. When eating the third nut she asked for happiness.

When Happy's father and brothers came home they were very tired and sad because they had not found any work at the castle. When they came to the place where their old house had been they could not believe their eyes. What had happened?

Happy told them about the three magic nuts and what she had wished for. They thanked her because now they had a nice house, enough food, and they were happy.

When the neighbour found out about the three magic nuts he was really angry. He thought that he would have made better use of the nuts. He decided to go into the wood too. Maybe he would also find some magic nuts.

Well, he did indeed find three magic nuts! When he came home he opened them, ate them and made his wishes: He wanted to live in a palace, he wanted to be rich, and he wanted to be powerful.

When he lived in his palace he felt very lonely. He also had money but he did not know who he could trust. He also had power but he did not have a lot of friends. He was very unhappy.

The farmer and his family, on the other hand, had made good wishes and they lived happily ever after.

Summary

So könnte deine Zusammenfassung aussehen:

Summary of "The story of St. Patrick"

St. Patrick, who is the patron saint of Ireland, was born in Wales at the end of the 4th century. As a teenager he had to work as a slave on a farm in Ireland. He managed to escape and went back to Wales where he decided to become a priest. Later he returned to Ireland and brought Christianity to this country. A legend says that there are no snakes in Ireland because St. Patrick drove them into the sea with a wooden stick.

Today Irish people all over the world celebrate St. Patrick's Day on March 17th.

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