

Know your SAT Words!

Mystery Name: **Germany Mystery**

SAT Words



1. Dank_____

2. Vestibule_____

3. Medieval_____

4. Labyrinth_____

5. Enthralled_____

Write a sensational sentence using all five SAT Words from this mystery.



Online Book Club

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Book Club Activities

1. The Grimm Brothers wrote many fairy tales. Ask a volunteer to find a list of them. Then, ask each book club member to choose one fairy tale and make a poster listing the name of the fairy tale and describing what happened in it. Make it colorful! Make it interesting! Make it magical!
2. Map it! Find a map of Europe on the Internet. Ask several book club members to draw a map of Europe and label the countries. Color Germany in a special color and decorate it in a special way—maybe with little castles! List Germany's neighbors.
3. Draw it! Draw a beautiful castle like Crystal Castle. You may want to add mountains, villages, and a lush forest in the background. Then, name your castle, and write a story about the people who live in it!
4. What's the weather? Research the weather that Germans are experiencing right now. Compare it to the type of weather in your town. Is it similar? Is it different? Where would you rather be?

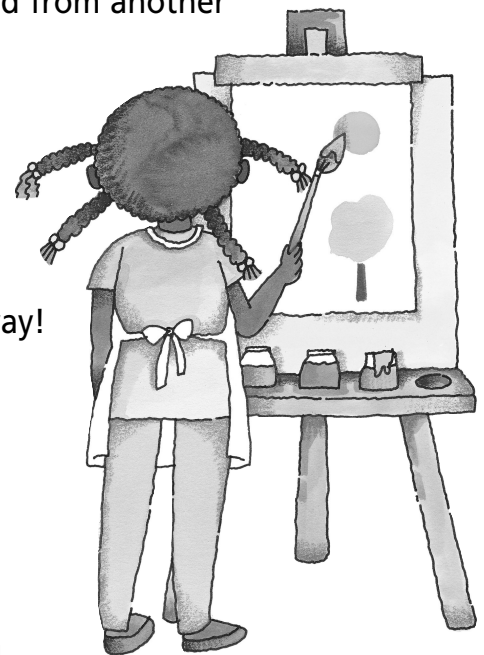


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Book Club Questions!

1. If you could have your very own castle, where would you build it? Who would you choose to live in the castle with you?
2. Would you like to visit Germany? If so, what place from the book would you most like to visit?
3. Who was your favorite character? Why?
4. Were you surprised when Grant jumped on the old bicycle in the museum? Why is it important not to touch items in a museum?
5. If you needed to hide a valuable item, where would you hide it in your house?
6. Papa enjoyed German food. What if your favorite food from another country?
7. What was your favorite part of the book? Why?
8. Have you ever been chased by someone and had to make a quick getaway? If so, explain how you got away!



Online Information

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Fascinating Facts

Neuschwanstein Castle

- Neuschwanstein Castle is one of the most popular castles in Europe. More than 1.3 million people visit it every year.
- King Ludwig II was a shy child who loved to pretend!
- The king designed the castle as a place of retreat. He loved music, particularly the music of composer Richard Wagner. He actually dedicated the castle to Wagner.
- The castle was opened to the public seven weeks after King Ludwig II's death in 1886.
- The ruins of two ancient castles were destroyed to create the site for the Neuschwanstein Castle.
- The latest technology was put to work in the castle. This included hot air central heat in the royal quarters, running water on every floor, and automatic flushing toilets. A lift was installed so servants did not have to carry meals upstairs.
- Fourteen woodcarvers worked for four years to complete the elaborate oak carvings in the king's bedroom!
- Many people say the Throne Room is the most impressive room in the castle. It looks like the inside of a magnificent church! The throne was never made due to the unexpected death of the king.
- The grotto, built with plaster-of-Paris, looks like a real limestone cave! It was a favorite place for King Ludwig to relax.
- King Ludwig loved nature. He gave specific instructions that the beautiful land around the castle was not to be disturbed by the building process.



Online Quiz

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Fact or Fiction?

Write Fact or Fiction next to each question below.

- _____ 1. Fredrick Haas invited Mimi and Papa to visit him at his museum in Germany.
- _____ 2. Mimi liked to call Neuschwanstein Castle, the Crystal Castle, because of the way it sparkles in the sun.
- _____ 3. Bavaria is the smallest of the 16 states in the Federal Republic of Germany.
- _____ 4. Grant found the mysterious map once they left the airport in Munich.
- _____ 5. Grant and Christina rode with Mimi and Papa in a horse-drawn carriage to the castle.
- _____ 6. Dirk was four years older than his sister, Petra.
- _____ 7. King Ludwig's mother's favorite necklace had 900 pearls.
- _____ 8. Grant loved the sound of the Cuckoo Clocks that go off in the castle.

