Welcome to the German Frame-Semantic Online Lexicon (G-FOL)

I'm Framey, your guide to the G-FOL!

The G-FOL is a free online vocabulary resource for German. The site arranges vocabulary by topic so you can learn words in groups where they all describe similar situations. We also give you lots of examples so you can see them in action!

Frame Example: Buying & Selling

In this frame, there is a Buyer, a Seller, some Goods and Money that is traded for the Goods. We all know that in the end, the Seller will end up with the Money and the Buyer will go home with the Goods.

WHAT I CAN TEACH YOU

differences between German and English

in Culture

in Meaning

in Grammar

in Worldview

in Usage

WHAT IS A FRAME?

A frame is a scenario or mental concept that words or expressions can bring to mind. They are like templates that we use to organize, understand and express our experiences in the world. In the G-FOL, frames are the topics/themes that group similar words and expressions.

ANATOMY OF A G-FOL ENTRY

Details
Translation and prose explanation of meaning and any cross-linguistic differences

Examples
A mix of simple, practical examples and authentic examples from German publications

Grammar Notes
Explain relevant grammar topics

Sentence Templates
Templates that show how the word is used with relation to the frame's participants

Alternate Forms
Handy info about verb forms (e.g. past tense), plurals of nouns, etc.

WATCH OUR INTRO VIDEO

www.coerll.utexas.edu/frames/how-to-use
Here's how you use the site...

1. First, select a frame!

2. Read the frame description and check out the "frame elements" (FEs) -- these are the participants in the frame, so they are important!

3. Look at the list of words/expressions -- we call them LUs (short for lexical unit: a word/expression in one of its senses) -- and click the Details to see if there are any important differences between German and English.

4. See examples so that you can use these LUs yourself! The colors tell you which FE the words refer to (the colors match the FE descriptions at the top).

5. Further explore the LUs you need help with by selecting "See All Information."

Are there two similar LUs? Compare them to find the differences. Check the box in the "compare" column for each LU, then click the Compare button at the top. A new window will open with only the LUs you selected.

Now you're ready to try using these LUs on your own!

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