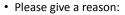
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Learning Languages (1)

• Question 1: "German is a difficult language to learn". Do you agree? yes / no



Learning Languages (2)

• Question 2:

"Japanese is a difficult language to learn". Do you agree? yes / no



• Please give a reason:

Learning Languages (3)

- Which languages are difficult to learn?
- Which languages are easy to learn?
- Please give a reason:

German Vocabulary (1) Hand Finger • Arm What are these Ball words called in Wind **English?** warm in Kamel hart • Fisch Adresse

 Hand Finger Finger Arm Ball Wind Wind 	German Vocabulary (2)		
 warm warm in Kamel camel hart hard Fisch fish Adresse address 	 Finger Arm Ball Wind warm in Kamel hart Fisch 	 finger arm ball wind warm in camel hard fish 	

German Vocabulary (3) Hand • hand 1. Same spelling in English and German • finger Finger (exception: German • Arm • arm nouns have capital Ball • ball letters) • wind Wind • warm • warm • in • in 2. Very similar spelling in Kamel camel English and German hart hard 3. Some differences in • fish Fisch spelling (number of address Adresse

letters)

Comparison of Adjectives

- gut besser am besten good – better – best
- warm wärmer am wärmsten warm – warmer – warmest
- schwierig schwieriger am schwierigsten difficult – difficulter – difficultest difficult – more difficult – most difficult



Question: Do you understand these sentences?

- Peter kann schwimmen.
- Wilhelm muss singen.

Modal Verbs (2)

- Peter kann schwimmen. Peter can swim.
- Wilhelm muss singen. William must sing.
- Peter kann nicht schwimmen. Peter cannot swim.
- Wilhelm muss im August in der Oper singen. William must sing in the opera in August.

Conclusion

- German has some complicated aspects of grammar (e.g. gender and declension of nouns), which are time-consuming to learn.
- However, in a Japanese environment, every learner of L3 German has a basic knowledge of L2 English, which makes it easier to learn the L3.
- Making use of previous knowledge of L2 is crucial for a smooth learning process of L3.

recommended reading:

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