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Definition of the German language

- ▶ It's a westgermanic language
(more westgermanic languages: for example English, Dutch)
- ▶ You speak it for example in Germany, Austria, Luxemburg and in some regions of different countries (for example France)
- ▶ You speak different German dialects in each part of Germany



History of the German language

- ▶ The history of the German language began in the Middle Ages
- ▶ It was similar to the Latin language until the Middle Ages where it got separated from the other Germanic languages
- ▶ German and most of the other European languages are Indo-Germanic languages
- ▶ In countries where you don't speak German, they are called Indo-European languages

Facts about the German language

- ▶ About 130 Million people all over the world speak German
- ▶ You can learn German in 2000 schools all over the world
- ▶ It's an official language in Germany, Austria, Luxemburg, Switzerland and Lichtenstein
- ▶ Lot's of famous people spoke German