

Comment from Manon

Personally, I live on the German border. However, I don't speak German, so I cannot switch from French to German. Regarding the differences, I have also noticed a few.

When you do your groceries in Germany, the prices of household products are cheaper compared to French prices. It's astonishing when you consider that we are only 15 minutes away from the border.

Regarding the German school system, it is very different. Usually, the schoolchildren don't have school in the afternoon, whereas in France, we have school all day. In Germany, similar to the USA, the afternoons are reserved for hobbies and sports. France should consider following this example.

Germany should embrace our aperitif culture because it's too important to ignore. 😊
Apart from the benefits regarding groceries, I don't have an opinion about living on the German border because I don't interact with German people.

To be honest, I don't like their language, and their mentality is quite unique.
I would prefer living next to an English-speaking border to have more exchanges and opportunities.

You said you worked in Germany. What's your job?

Based on the text provided, here are multiple-choice questions for each noun mentioned, along with the correct answers and explanations:

1. **Border**

- What does living on the German border imply for the person narrating the text?

- A) They often cross the border to enjoy German culture.
- B) They reside close to Germany but don't engage much with the German language or culture.
- C) They frequently travel to Germany for work purposes.

2. **Groceries**

- How do the grocery prices compare between Germany and France according to the narrator?

- A) Grocery prices are notably higher in Germany than in France.
- B) There is no noticeable difference in grocery prices between the two countries.
- C) Groceries are cheaper in Germany, especially household products.

3. **School system**

- How does the narrator describe the difference in school systems between Germany and France?

- A) In Germany, schoolchildren typically have classes in the afternoon, unlike in France.
- B) The German school system is similar to that of the USA, with afternoons free for hobbies and sports.
- C) School systems in both countries are quite similar, with a focus on academic rigor.

4. **Language**

- What is the narrator's attitude towards the German language?

- A) They are indifferent to the German language, focusing more on cultural aspects.
- B) They find the German language appealing and wish to learn it.
- C) They do not like the German language and show no interest in learning it.

5. **Mentality**

- How does the narrator perceive the mentality of German people?

- A) They admire the unique German mentality and find it intriguing.
- B) They are indifferent to the German mentality, focusing instead on other aspects.
- C) They find the German mentality quite unique and imply a lack of affinity with it.