



I hope you have had some great times skiing or going for walks in this beautiful world caped in snow (see picture).

If you are interested in learning how to give **presentations in English** with the right phrases, there are still two places available in my presentations workshop on 30 and 31 March in Bingen.

And there is this workshop this week **Friday and Saturday in Oppenheim, English Conversation for winegrowers - wine and food,**

which still has some places available. You can register by telephone with Ms Stutz at the DLR Oppenheim tel. 06133 - 930 320

Enjoy the little exercises about politeness and the puzzle concerning some wine terms in this newsletter, the solutions are at the end, as usual.

All the best, Nicole

Being polite

Germans are polite, aren't they? Then why do we sometimes have problems when we are in English speaking countries? We speak good English, don't we? But sometimes things don't feel right.

When we speak English, we often use the right words but with the wrong intonation (Betonung, Satzmelodie). We also use English words but think in German so what we say might sound a bit too direct, too strong, too pushy. That is why unfortunately some foreigners like to call us dominant, bossy, pushy.

Remember in English if you request something (wenn man etwas möchte), it is polite to make a question. See if you can change the following requests (wishes) into polite questions.

Example:

Please close the window, I am cold.

Better: Could you close the window, please? I am rather cold. Thanks.



So how would you say the following in a polite way?

Pass me the butter.

I want another cup of tea, please.

Please close the door.

Please, you cannot smoke here.

For advanced students - being polite

There is one very nice expression you can use:

Would you mind DOING ...

Example: Would you mind closing the window? I am rather cold.

Würde es Ihnen etwas ausmachen, das Fenster zu schließen?

The answer can be either (positively) „not at all“ or (negatively) „actually I find it rather hot in here“.

Fill the gaps

1. Would you _____ getting me something to drink? - Not at all, just a moment.
 2. Would you mind _____ (help) me with dinner tonight? I am so busy. - Sure, no problem.
 3. _____ you mind doing the shopping tomorrow? I won't have time. - That's alright, no problem.
 4. Would you mind putting out your _____? This is a non-smoking building. - Oh, I'm sorry, I didn't know that.
 5. Would you mind picking up Monica from school today? - _____, I can't. I have an appointment at 11 o'clock.
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I sometimes write little articles about English for winegrowers in aromicon's blog. For those of you who have never heard of them, have a look at their animated wine descriptions at www.aromicon.de



English for winegrowers

In the puzzle on the next page find some important wine words in every line, then collect the letters and find the solution in the last line.

The solution is something that winegrowers have to do in winter to prepare the vines for springtime.



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Aufbau- und Konversationskurs Englisch für Winzer und Gästeführer DRL Oppenheim, 12. und 13.03.2010, Anmeldungen an Tel. 06133/ 930-329

Sie können sich diese Woche noch kurzfristig anmelden.

"Reklamationsmanagement auf Englisch", DLR Oppenheim am 16.04.2010

Aufbau- und Konversationsseminar Englisch für Winzer, Campus Geisenheim, Anmeldung über die Website der Campus GmbH, 23. und 24.04.2010

"Telefonieren und Emails für Winzer" Intensivseminar in Oppenheim am 27.04.2010

Solutions:

Pass me the butter.

Could you pass me the butter, please?

I want another cup of tea, please.

Could I possibly have another cup of tea?

Please close the door. Could you close the door? Thanks.

Please, you cannot smoke here. I am sorry but could you please not smoke in here? There is no smoking in this office I'm afraid.

1. Would you MIND getting me something to drink?
2. Would you mind HELPING me with dinner tonight?
3. WOULD you mind doing the shopping tomorrow? I
4. Would you mind putting out your CIGARETTE.
5. ACTUALLY / I'M SORRY I can't. I have an appointment at 11 o'clock.

*fruity, medium-dry, noble sweet, sweet, quality, harvest, blossoming, budburst, pick
fruchtig, halbtrocken, edelsüß, süß, Qualität, Lese, Blüte(zeit), Austrieb, lesen*

Dieser Newsletter ist eine Idee von Nicole Tomberg, um kurz und knapp in unregelmäßigen Abständen Infos und Übungen in der englischen Sprache zu bieten.

Ihre Emailadresse habe ich von früheren Kontakten gespeichert.

Ich möchte Sie keinesfalls belästigen. Falls Sie also diesen Newsletter nicht zugesandt bekommen möchten, sagen Sie mir doch bitte kurz Bescheid und ich werde Ihre Adresse aus dem Verteiler löschen.

If you find any mistakes, you may keep them. It only shows how good your English is.

