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WHAT ARE PARTICLES?

Particles are unchangeable words that aren't considered prepositions, adverbs or conjunctions.

CHARACTERISTICS OF PARTICLES

- You cannot ask for them.
- They make the language alive, can evaluate the whole sentence negatively or positively, and show feelings.
- We mainly use them in spoken language.
- You can remove them at any time.

DIFFERENT TYPES OF PARTICLES:

We divide them into:



- Gradpartikel
- Fokuspartikel
- Negationspartikel
- Modalpartikel
- Gesprächspartikel
- Ausdruckspartikel
- Lautmalende Partikel

INTENSIFYING PARTICLES (GRADPARTIKEL)

They always come before an adjective or adverb and either strengthen or weaken its meaning.

Depending on the particle, the strengthening or weakening can be small or large.

The most important ones: *absolut, außerordentlich, außergewöhnlich, äußerst, einigermaßen, enorm, etwas, extrem, ganz, höchst, kaum, komplett, recht, sehr, total, überaus, ungemein, ungewöhnlich, völlig, weit, ziemlich, zu*

Examples:

- „Der Fernseher ist **total** teuer.“
- „Die Situation ist mir **höchst** unangenehm.“

- „Deine Reaktion ist **völlig** übertrieben.“
- „Warum bist du heute so **überaus** nett zu mir?“
- „Das finde ich **total** bescheuert.“
- „Du bist heute **extrem** gut drauf!“

FOCUS PARTICLES (FOKUSPARTIKEL)

Focus particles emphasize or highlight something important. Focus particles are related to a specific part of the sentence and generally come before the part we want to highlight.

The most important ones: **wenig**, **etwas**, **einigermaßen**, **fast**, **ziemlich**, **so**, **sehr**, **ausgesprochen**, **besonders**, **ungemein**, **überaus**, **äußerst**, **zutiefst**, **höchst**, **zu**

Focus Particles Examples:

- „Die Show war toll. Mir haben **besonders** **die Lichteffekte** gefallen.“
- „Mir gefällt die Wohnung nicht. **Vor allem** **das Bad** ist zu klein.“
- „Was, du hast kein Facebook? **Sogar** **meine 80-jährige Oma** ist bei FB!“

NEGATING PARTICLES (NEGATIONSPARTIKEL)

The negation word "nicht" is a particle.

- „Ich fahre heute **nicht** zu Oma.“

CONVERSATIONAL PARTICLES (GESPRÄCHSPARTIKEL)

Conversational particles are calls, answers, and greetings.

For example: **ja**, **nein**, **hm**, **gern**, **okay**, **gut**, **genau**, **richtig**, ...

INTERJECTIONS (AUSDRUCKSPARTIKEL)

Expressions that show a state of mind.

For example: **oh**, **he!**, **schade!**, **pfui!**, **hurra!**, **igitt!**, **juhu!**, **au!**, **awa!**, **autsch!** **uh!**, **ah!**, **ach!**, **huch!**, **oho!**, **hoppla!**, **oje!**, **hm!**, **hihi!**, **ätsch!**, **hui!**, **puh!**, **uff!**, **pff!**, **phh!** **hü!**, **hott!**, ...

ONOMATOPOEIA (LAUTMALENDE PARTIKEL)

Onomatopoeia particles are imitated sounds or noises which you usually find in comics.

For example: *kikeriki, wau, wuff, miau, quak, peng, bumm, boing, tatütata, ticktack; plumps, klirr, schwupps, zack, ruckzuck, puff, dong, klong, ratsch, hui, bums, rums, fump, blub-blub, schnipp, hatschi,...*

SUMMARY

- There are many different types of particles.
- The most important ones are intensifying, focus, and modal particles
- Probably particles do exist in your native language too, but the German language uses them very intensively.
- They never count as position.
- We cannot ask for them.
- You can find information about modal particles in Adverbs L6.

TASK



Native Language Check

- Check if your language uses particles!
- Focus on intensifying, focus, and modal particles. The others might exist for sure!

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