

## Spot the difference – 15 verbs [3<sup>rd</sup> person singular] German version



Picture A

### Instructions

Look at the pictures. Describe to your partner what each person is doing. Use the numbers to identify the people. E.g. **Eins schläft.**

Find out how many activities you have in common with your partner.



Picture B

### Instructions

Look at the pictures. Describe to your partner what each person is doing. Use the numbers to identify the people. E.g. **Eins schreibt.**

Find out how many activities you have in common with your partner.



## Teacher instructions

This activity is designed for Y7 or beginner learners of German. Divide students into pairs and give each student one picture, A or B. Students describe what the people in their picture are doing. Each person is numbered to reduce the cognitive load and focus attention on verbs rather than nouns. For example: Eins schläft / schreibt. NB: the numbers do not match across the sets so as not to give the solution away in that way. This sustains the focus on the verbs alone.

The verbs are taken from the set of 15 high-frequency prototype verbs and accompanying PowerPoint resource.

\* Word frequencies are given for the infinitive form of the verbs.

Word	Word class	Word frequency
spielt	verb	197
schreibt	verb	245
hört	verb	1553
spricht	verb	157
liest	verb	323
trinkt	verb	608
isst	verb	654
schläft	verb	787
arbeitet	verb	200
schwimmt	verb	1832
tanz	verb	2011
läuft	verb	248
fährt	verb	169
trägt	verb	308
zeigt	verb	154

Note. Source of frequency rankings: Jones, R.L & Tschirner, E. (2011). *A frequency dictionary of German: Core vocabulary for learners*. London: Routledge.