



Unit 7 — Mediation: A German Feature Article

Track E · Klasse 10 · Niveau E

Learning objectives

- *I can mediate a 250-word German feature article into 8 English sentences.*
- *I can preserve voice and register; mark hedged claims; drop ceremony.*
- *I can use 8 reporting verbs.*

Lead-in

Maja's German aunt forwarded a feature article from a national paper about a small-town mayor who had rebuilt the local library on a near-zero budget. Maja's English-speaking pen-pal in Toronto, who is studying public administration, asked for a real summary, not a textbook one.

Vocabulary

- to admit
- to claim
- to argue
- to add
- to confirm
- to deny
- to point out
- to stress
- to note
- to concede
- to dismiss
- to maintain

Key points

- *Voice* — keep the speaker's voice via reported speech with the right verb (*admitted, claimed, added, argued*).
- *Register* — match the addressee. A peer-message drops the *Bürgermeisterin* honorifics; a public-admin reader keeps role + name.
- *Hedge* — preserve the journalist's hedging (*Critics argue ...*) without inventing certainty.

Practise

- Match German verb → English: zugeben → ?, behaupten → ?, hinzufügen → ?, abstreiten → ?
- Choose the most accurate verb for: *Vogel said: 'I didn't expect it to work, but people came.'*
- Build a 6-sentence English mediation of the source above.

Your turn

Mediation, 8 sentences. Read the German source above. Write 8 English sentences for an English-speaking public-administration student. Preserve voice + use 5 reporting verbs.

Reflect

- I can mediate a feature article into 8 English sentences.
- I can preserve voice and register.
- I can use 5 reporting verbs accurately.