



German Phrases That Sound Like a Local

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Ach so	Oh, I see	Reactions & interjections
Wie bitte?	Pardon? / Come again?	Reactions & interjections
Echt?	Really? / Seriously?	Reactions & interjections
Krass!	Wow! / Crazy! (positive or negative)	Reactions & interjections
Schade	Too bad / What a shame	Reactions & interjections
Genau	Exactly / Precisely	Reactions & interjections
Stimmt	True / That's right	Reactions & interjections
Toll!	Great! / Fantastic!	Reactions & interjections
Prima	Excellent / Splendid	Reactions & interjections
Quatsch!	Nonsense! / No way!	Reactions & interjections
Na klar	Of course / Sure	Reactions & interjections
Sicher	Sure / Certainly	Reactions & interjections
Wie geht's?	How's it going?	Small talk
Es geht	It's OK (lukewarm)	Small talk
Was läuft?	What's up?	Small talk
Alles klar	All good / Got it / Understood	Small talk
Wie war dein Tag?	How was your day?	Small talk
Was machst du so?	What are you up to? / What do you do?	Small talk
Lange nicht gesehen	Long time no see	Small talk
Schön, dich zu sehen	Nice to see you	Small talk
Grüße an...	Say hi to... / Give my regards to...	Small talk
Viel Spaß!	Have fun! / Enjoy!	Small talk
Macht nichts	Doesn't matter / No worries	Acknowledgments
Kein Problem	No problem	Acknowledgments
Keine Ahnung	No idea / I have no clue	Acknowledgments
Hoffentlich	Hopefully / I hope so	Acknowledgments
Bestimmt	Definitely / Certainly	Acknowledgments
Vielleicht	Maybe / Perhaps	Acknowledgments
Auf jeden Fall	Definitely / In any case	Acknowledgments

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Stimmt nicht	That's not right / That's wrong	Acknowledgments
Meiner Meinung nach...	In my opinion...	Opinion softeners
Ich finde...	I think / I find...	Opinion softeners
Ich glaube schon	I think so / I believe so	Opinion softeners
Könnte sein	Could be / Possibly	Opinion softeners
Das kommt darauf an	It depends	Opinion softeners
Wenn du mich fragst...	If you ask me...	Opinion softeners
Das ist mir Wurst	I don't care	Common idioms
Die Daumen drücken	Fingers crossed	Common idioms
Tomaten auf den Augen haben	To be oblivious / not see what's obvious	Common idioms
Ich verstehe nur Bahnhof	It's all Greek to me	Common idioms
Da liegt der Hund begraben	That's the crux of it / That's the real problem	Common idioms
Schwein haben	To be lucky	Common idioms
Die Nase voll haben	To be fed up	Common idioms
Auf dem Schlauch stehen	To draw a blank / be confused	Common idioms
Einen Kater haben	To have a hangover	Common idioms
Ins Fettnäpfchen treten	To put your foot in it / make a faux pas	Common idioms
Um den heißen Brei reden	To beat around the bush	Common idioms
Null Bock haben	To not be in the mood / not feel like it	Common idioms
Das ist nicht mein Bier	Not my problem / Not my business	Common idioms
Jetzt reicht's!	That's enough! / I've had it!	Common idioms
Jetzt nicht, Hansi!	Not now! / Give me a break!	Common idioms
Na ja...	Well... / I mean...	Conversational filler
Weißt du...	You know...	Conversational filler
Und so weiter	And so on / et cetera	Conversational filler
Wie gesagt	As I said / As I mentioned	Conversational filler
Unter uns gesagt	Between you and me / Just between us	Conversational filler
Mal ehrlich	Honestly / To be frank	Conversational filler
Ehrlich gesagt	To be honest / Frankly speaking	Conversational filler
So was	Something like that	Conversational filler
Tja	Well... (resigned, accepting)	Conversational filler
Na?	Well? / So? (prompt for a response)	Conversational filler
Übrigens	By the way	Transitions in speech

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Außerdem	Besides / Furthermore / Also	Transitions in speech
Sonst	Otherwise / Else / Apart from that	Transitions in speech
Trotzdem	Nevertheless / Still / Anyway	Transitions in speech
Einerseits... andererseits	On one hand... on the other hand	Transitions in speech
Zum einen... zum anderen	For one thing... for another	Transitions in speech
Sozusagen	So to speak / As it were	Transitions in speech
Beziehungsweise (bzw.)	Respectively / Or rather / That is to say	Transitions in speech
Im Großen und Ganzen	On the whole / By and large	Transitions in speech
Was mich betrifft	As far as I'm concerned / For my part	Transitions in speech