

## CATCH THE BUS

A woman rushed into a shop and said, "Can I have a mouse trap, please?"

And will you be quick – I have got to catch a bus."

"Sorry, Madam," said the assistant, "we don't sell them that big."

**rush**  
**trap**

eilen, stürzen  
Falle

**assistant**  
**catch**

Verkäufer  
fangen

**catch the bus** den Bus erwischen

## HE MADE THE SAME MISTAKE TWICE

Paddy and Tom were watching a Wild West film on television.

In one scene John Wayne was riding furiously towards a cliff.

"I bet you £10 that he falls over the cliff," said Paddy.

"Done," said Tom.

John Wayne rode straight over the cliff.

As Tom handed over his £ 10, Paddy said, "I feel a bit guilty about this. I've seen the film before."

"So have I," said Tom, "but I didn't think he'd be fool enough to make the same mistake twice."

**furious**  
**towards**  
**cliff**

wütend  
gegen  
Klippe

**bet**  
**guilty**  
**fool**

wetten  
schuldig  
Narr

**enough**      **genug**



## CLOSE YOUR EYES

Roger took a friend driving in the mountains. After a while the friend

said, "Every time you go round one of those sharp curves, I get frightened."

"Then why don't you do what I do?" Roger answered. "Close your eyes."

**frightened**

sich fürchten

**close**

schließen

## A STRANGE COW

"What a strange-looking cow," said the young girl from the city. "Why doesn't it have horns?"

"Well," answered the farmer, "some cows are born without horns, some shed their horns, some are dehorned, while some breeds don't have horns at all. So you see, there are lots of reasons why cows might not have horns. The reason why that particular animal hasn't got horns is because it isn't a cow – it's a horse!"

**strange**  
**born**

fremd, eigenartig  
geboren

**shed**  
**breed**

verlieren (z.B. Blätter)  
Rasse, Zucht

**lots of reasons**  
**particular**

viele Gründe  
besonder(e)

## A SHORT LEG

"The patient here limps because one leg is shorter than the other", remarked the professor to a group of medical students. Turning to one of them, he asked, "What would you do in a case like this?"

The student thought for a moment before replying, "I think that under those circumstances, I would probably limp too."

**limp**  
**case**

hinken  
Fall

**reply**  
**circumstances**

erwidern  
Umstände