

4 Getting information from a German text

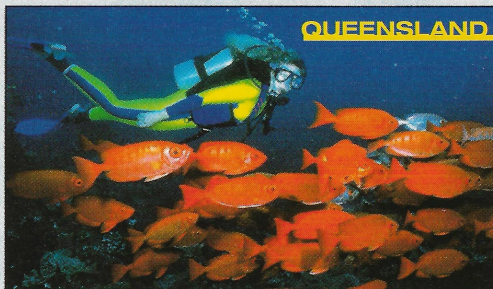
This short text from a German travel brochure gives some general information about the Great Barrier Reef. Don't try to translate German texts word for word!

Just use the most interesting information – and say it in English in **your own words**!

The examples below the text will give you ideas.

TIP

If you're using a German text, mark the key words in it, then try to put the main ideas into notes in English. Use your dictionary and ask your teacher for help, too.



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GREAT BARRIER REEF

Australiens Great Barrier Reef ist einzigartig in der Welt. In Millionen von Jahren entstand hier aus winzigen Korallenpolypen das größte Riff der Erde. Es erstreckt sich über 2 500 km entlang der australischen Ostküste und schützt die dahinterliegende Lagune mit hunderten

verträumter tropischer Inseln.

Abgeschildert vom offenen Ozean entstand hier ein wahres Paradies mit Palmen und sandigen Buchten. Das Seefahrerlabyrinth, das bereits James Cook durchfuhr, hat auch heute noch nichts von seinem Reiz verloren.

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| • einzigartig in der Welt | • There's no other reef in the world like the G.B.R.! |
| • In Millionen von Jahren entstand hier ... | • It's taken millions of years to grow. |
| • aus winzigen Korallenpolypen | • made of coral (very small animals that live in the ocean) |
| • Es erstreckt sich über 2.500 km entlang der australischen Ostküste | • It's 2,500 km long and it's near the east coast of A. |
| • mit hunderten verträumter tropischer Inseln | • hundreds of islands on the reef |

5 Getting it all together

Decide on the best order for these 'steps' and make a flow chart.

- Practise the talk with your friends.
- Use transparencies to present important information. (Remember to write large enough.)
- Make a handout. (Write a summary with the most important points in your talk that you can give to your listeners.)
- Write notes for your talk.
- Collect your information.
- Find headings for different sections.
- Make a list of new words.

You can start like this:



6 Giving your talk

- Give everyone in the group something to do – and something to say. (It's more fun if you all work together and more interesting for your listeners, too.)
- Try to speak freely. (Don't read a long text word for word. It's easier to stay 'in touch' with your listeners if you just use notes and look up as often as you can.)
- Let people ask questions. (Tell your listeners they can interrupt if they have important questions. Or tell them they can ask at the end of the talk.)