

KS2 Geography. A location in Europe

Hamburg, Germany

ZOE (TRANSLATED): My name is Zoe. I'm nine years old. I live in Hamburg in Germany. I live in Hamburg in Altona close to the River Elbe. Hamburg is the second largest city in Germany.

Maria is a good friend of mine. At school she is very helpful and kind. Actually, she is very helpful generally and she is very nice.

My favourite place is down by the beach. From the beach you can see the big ships, almost as big as a house. Sometimes I ask myself where the ships are coming from. And where are they going? Every year ships bring ten million containers. The big ships come from the sea. The water is deep, otherwise the ships can't get through. Hamburg is about 100 kilometres from the North Sea. And Hamburg is the third largest port in Europe. From the ferry, you can see the big ships, the small boats, the port, and the cranes. And the people who work there.

There are lots of bridges in Hamburg. There are also tunnels in Hamburg. In the old tunnel, there is a lift for cars so they can go under the Elbe.

I have a brother. He is 11 years old. I also have a little sister. She is one and a half years old. My hobbies are... Playing a bit of football. And I play the violin and the piano. My school is called Trenknerweg. I am at primary school. My school is a kilometre away from home. I like sport and art, and also like English. I take an extra English course because I enjoy it so much.

We went on a visit to England and I met my friend Emma. We went in a small group to make contact with an English school. Next year 25 children from my school will go there.

NARRATOR: You saw them wearing uniforms. Would you like to wear uniforms?

STUDENT 1: Perhaps girls would wear a skirt in summer and a dress in winter. Maybe the boys would wear short trousers in summer and long ones in winter. In that checky pattern.

NARRATOR: Is there anyone here who wouldn't like it?

- STUDENT 2: Yes, because we would all look the same and that would be boring.
- NARRATOR: If English children came here they would want to explore Hamburg. What would be your favourite places to show them?
- STUDENT 3: I would show them the Elbe. The Elbe at night, because there are lights everywhere and it looks really great!
- STUDENT 4: I would take them to the town hall at night. It looks so great lit up. The Hamburger Dom comes three times a year. I would definitely show any children visiting the Dom. I like the big wheel best, and the wild mouse ride and the booths where you can win things.
- ZOE & MARIA: (TRANSLATED) In Hamburg we like eating Frikadellers. In England you call Frikadellers hamburgers. Anyone visiting Hamburg would have a brilliant time.