

German adverb, English verb

English often uses verbs where the German language prefers an adjective. Here are some examples.



Note that the English verbs can occur (vorkommen) in other contexts and with other meanings as well.

German adverb	English verb	German example	English translation
anscheinend	to seem	Es ist anscheinend kalt.	It seems to be cold.
dauernd	to keep on	Er hat dauernd Fisch gekauft.	He kept on buying fish.
früher, immer	used to	Früher gingen wir schwimmen.	We used to go swimming.
gerne	to like	Ich hätte gerne eine Katze.	I would like to have a cat.
lieber	to prefer	Sie hätte lieber einen Hund.	She prefers a dog.
wahrscheinlich	to be likely	Wahrscheinlich regnet es heute.	It's likely to rain today.
weiterhin	to continue	Sie haben weiterhin Autos gebaut.	They continued to build cars.
zufällig	to happen	Ich war zufällig zu Hause.	I happened to be at home.
leider	to be afraid	Ich kann leider nicht kommen.	I'm afraid I can't come.
ob ... wohl?	to wonder	Ob er wohl kommen wird?	I wonder whether he'll come or not.

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