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Lezione 21

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Zampettone hilft

Situation

Zampettone brings a small flock of single words and phrases. For each character in the hotel, he has

Oreste klettert
Zampettone hilft
Elisa lächelt lesen
bezahlen arbeiten lächeln
malen helfen schlafen
Oliver schläft Max malt Ermanno liest
der Gast bezahlt
klettern kritisieren
Frau Mutter kritisiert
der Kellner arbeitet

an example.

Lesson

The waiter becomes visible and explains the rules for the present indicative, only in the 3rd person singular. Only S + P (subject and predicate). In English, so Oliver can understand too. With all the rules.



1 · Regular (weak) verbs

Rule: Stem ends in any letter except -d/-t; no vowel change. Add -t.

Core example: Max malt. (Max paints.)

2 · Stem ends in -d / -t + consonant

Rule: Insert an extra -e- for pronunciation → -et.

Core example: Der Kellner arbeitet. (The waiter works.)

3 · Verbs ending in -eln / -ern

Rule: Keep -el- / -er-, then add -t.

Core example: 1. Elisa lächelt. (Elisa smiles.)

2. Oreste klettert. (Oreste climbs.)

4 · Verbs ending in -ieren

Rule: Regular conjugation. Add -t.

Core example: Frau Mutter kritisiert. (Mrs Mutter criticizes.)

5 · Stem-changing verbs, e → ie

Rule: Vowel change appears only in *du* and *er/sie/es*. Add -t.

Core example: Ermanno liest. (Ermanno reads.)

6 · Stem-changing verbs, e → i

Rule: Vowel change only in *du* and *er/sie/es*. Add -t.

Core example: Zampettone hilft. (Zampettone helps.)

7 · Stem-changing verbs, a → ä

Rule: Vowel change only in *du* and *er/sie/es*. Add -t.

Core example: Oliver schläft. (Oliver sleeps.)

8 · Inseparable-prefix verbs (*be-*, *ver-*, *er-*, *emp-*, *ent-*, *miss-*, *zer-*)

Rule: Prefix never detaches; otherwise conjugate like a regular verb (-t).

Core example: Ermanno versteht. (Ermanno understands.)

The waiter gives a key takeaway: In the 3rd-person singular, every German verb ends in -t (or -et)—and, for the strong verbs, you may see a vowel change.

Oliver's Homework

Write all the learned sentences in your notebook and read them aloud.

Ermanno's Homework

Zampettone's Word Flock

bezahlt
sprichtputzt
redetrüft
wächstwartet
empfiehlt
telefoniert
erklärt
fährt

Oreste's Challenge



Your extra exercise is waiting for you at the end of the lesson!

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