

- Then there are many other words whose meanings you could probably guess if somebody told you beforehand that they are closely related to English words. Most of these words will look strange to you at first glance, but once you know that **Katze** means *cat*, that **Milch** means *milk* or that **Vater** means *father* you will make the connection immediately. Look at some words of this kind:

Mutter	(mother)	Prinzip	(principle)	waschen	(wash)
		Oper	(opera)	Polizei	(police)
springen	(jump)	Tee	(tea)		
schwimmen	(swim)	Wasser	(water)		
Flagge	(flag)	Papier	(paper)	Silber	(silver)
		Schokolade	(chocolate)	Schule	(school)

There are even some words that are easier to recognize by ear than by eye. The following words are more sound-alikes than look-alikes. Say them aloud.

Bär	(bear)	Bier	(beer)
		Maus	(mouse)
Vlies	(fleece)	Reis	(rice)
Boot	(boat)	Schuh	(shoe)