

New to the Pick

Put these expressions back into the right place in the dialogue. **Work in pairs.** Then practice reading the dialogue with the person on your right.

- **Don't overfill the boxes** (*überfülle nicht die Boxen*)
- **You can stack them on top of each other.** (*Du kannst sie auf einander stapeln*)
- **You have to perforate that new box to open it** (*Zum Öffnen der Box musst du ein Loch in diese machen*)
- **The system has to learn to recognise your voice** (*Das System muss lernen deine Stimme zu erkennen*)
- **So first, we have to set you up for Pick-by-Voice** (*Zuerst müssen wir dich bei Pick-by-Voice anmelden*)

Person A: Hi there. I am going to show (*zeigen*) you what you have to do today.

Person B: Ok!

Person A: Ok. _____ . Here is your username and password.

Person B: Ok! Can I start now?

Person A: Not yet! _____. So you have to repeat (*wiederholen*) everything you hear first. Then it will tell you the aisle (*Gang*) you have to go to and which pick positions you have to go to. To confirm (*bestätigen*), you have to repeat what it says. Ok?

Person B: Right! What else do I need?

Person A: You need to take a dolly and three plastic boxes. _____

Person B: How many garments do I put in each box.

Person A: _____ . You have to have about 3 or 4 cm of space under the lid (*Deckel*). Make sure (*Stelle sicher*) you have the right shop labels on the boxes.

Person B: Where do I take the boxes that are full.

Person A: You can take them over there and put them on that conveyor (*Laufband*). When the cardboard boxes (*Kartons*) are empty, you can put them on the higher conveyor up there. Ok?

Person B: So if the cardboard box on the shelf is empty, I just skip it, right?

Person A: No! Take out the empty box and normally there is another full box behind that or stacked up (*aufgestapelt*) on the floor at the pick position.

_____. When you have questions, just let me know!

Simple Past - Revision

Put the Simple Past verbs into the text. Then read the text aloud.

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I _____ born on the 8th of September 1979 in Doylestown Pennsylvania. My mother _____ as a nurse (*Krankenschwester*) and my father was an insurance salesman (*Versicherungskaufmann*). But my parents _____ divorced (*geschieden*) when I was 10 years old. I _____ bad asthma when I was a kid, but I still became a really good gymnast.

When I _____ to high school, I joined a band. I started to write my own songs. I _____ singing in Philadelphia clubs when I was only 14. When I was 20, I won my first solo record deal (*Plattenvertrag*) and my first solo hit "There you go" was in February 2000. My best known (*bekannt*) early songs in 2001 were "Get the party started" and "Just like a Pill". I have short blonde hair, I dance a lot when I sing and I have a raspy (*kratzig*) voice. **Who am I?**

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I _____ born on the 20th of November 1942 in Scranton Pennsylvania but my family _____ to Delaware when I was 10 years old. It wasn't always easy when I was a kid. My father _____ his job so we had to live with our grandparents for a while. I studied law (*Jura*) at the University of Delaware until 1963. I _____ a bad stutter when I was a teenager.

When I was 29, I was elected (*gewählt*) to the United States Senate. I got married to Neilia in 1966, but she and my one-year old daughter died in a tragic car accident (*Unfall*) in 1972. I _____ my current wife Jill in 1975. I have a son and a daughter Hunter and Ashley. Even though (*Obwohl*) I am nearly 80 years old, I have one of the most important jobs in the world at the moment. **Who am I?**

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I _____ born in 1954, in Hamburg. My father Horst was from Berlin and my mother Herlind, born in 1928 in Danzig, was a teacher of English and Latin. My brother Marcus and my sister Irene are both younger than me. My maiden name (*Mädchenname*) was Kasner so my nickname (*Spitzname*) was "Kasi" when I was a kid. My father's ancestors (*Vorfahren*) _____ Polish.

When I was three months old, my father _____ a new job as a Lutheran minister in Quitzow in East Germany. Our family _____ to Templin, just north of Berlin.

At school, I learned to speak Russian, and I got prizes for Russian and Mathematics. After school I _____ to the University of Leipzig, where I studied physics from 1973 to 1978.

I am retired (*im Ruhestand*) now but I had the most important job in Germany for 16 years.

Who am I?