

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

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