


😊 Using textivate activities 😊

How to practise with a *textivate* text

Click on the link provided by your teacher – this takes you to a specific text created by one of our teachers for you to learn and practise with. How?

Click anywhere *outside* the central white box that comes up when the page loads – this gets rid of the white box of info that you don't need. Read through the German text **first**. Some of it you will understand straightaway. Some words will be new to you.

First you are going to be practising individual *words*, to get to know them better. Click on the big “textivate” button at the bottom-right of the screen. This processes the text and makes activities for you using the text.



The screenshot shows the textivate website interface. The browser address bar displays <https://www.textivate.com/index.php#>. The page header includes the textivate logo and a login/subscribe button. Below the header, there are tabs for "Text", "Match", "Extras", "Sequence", and "Show all". The main content area displays a German text: "Guten Morgen! Ich heiÙe Lukas und ich bin zwölf Jahre alt. Ich komme aus Deutschland und ich wohne in Kirchhain. Meine Schule heiÙt Alfred-Wegener-Schule. Mein Englisch-Lehrer heiÙt Herr Weller und er ist cool und freundlich. Max ist in meiner Klasse. Er ist lustig und manchmal doof. Ich habe im Mai Geburtstag. Ich mag Fußball und ich bin Fan von Bayern München. Ich mag nicht Taylor Swift. Die Musik ist nicht cool. Tschüs, dein Lukas." Below the text is a list of numbers: "###match###", "eins==1", "zwei==2", "drei==3", "vier==4", "fünf==5", "sechs==6", "sieben==7", "acht==8", "neun==9", "zehn==10". At the bottom of the page, there is a navigation bar with icons for home, search, and other features. A yellow arrow points to the "textivate" button in the bottom right corner.

On the next screen after clicking on that button, on the left you see two tabs: “Text” and “Match” – click the “Match” tab, this gives you games to play with the individual words or phrases. I suggest you use “Flashcards” first in order to get to know the words/phrases.



🤖 Then you can pick games, like **Football** etc. If you are not sure how to play an activity, look for the question-mark symbol.

Some games have settings you can adjust. This allows you to set a level of difficulty that suits you at the current moment.

After playing the “**Match**” activities for 15 mins or so you should click on the “**Text**” tab – this is a more useful level of learning because you are working on the sentence level instead of individual words. You are practising with the whole text and noticing how sentences relate to the previous sentence. Some games have settings you can adjust, such as in **Tiles** (the number of tiles – working with 2x3 is easier at the start than working with 2x6, for example). This allows you to set a level of difficulty that suits you.

🤖 If you get stuck at some point because **textivate** claims that you have to login, just close the tab and reload textivate from the same link. You don't have to have an account or a login.