

Do you speak Danish and German?



bab.la launches a Danish-German dictionary

(Hamburg, August 10th, 2016) The bab.la dictionary is pleased to announce the launch of its 41st dictionary: Danish-German. These two languages belong to the Germanic branch and, hence, have plenty of things in common, which makes it easier for German and Danish native speakers to learn the other language. However, despite their reciprocal influence each language has developed differently, and reaching a good proficiency in either German or Danish remains a challenge.

German, being the second most widely spoken language of its family after English, is also the first language in the European Union per number of native speakers (over 95 million). Furthermore, it is among the most widely used languages on the Internet and for book publishing. German speakers are spread all over the five continents and the language has become a major foreign language especially in the Western World.

Danish, on the other hand, derives from Old Norse, and during the Middle Ages was strongly influenced by Low German, the lingua franca of the Hanseatic League. Although nowadays this commercial confederation does not exist anymore, the trade relations between Germany and Denmark have become stronger and stronger over the years, which is one of the reasons why German is, after English, the most popular second language among Danish students. "Throughout the centuries, the ties between Germany and Denmark have always been close. With this new dictionary, we want to strengthen the links between these two admirable languages and give learners from both sides the chance to optimize their skills at no expense," says Moritz Frisch, editor of the dictionary.

The Danish-German dictionary can be accessed here:

<http://en.bab.la/dictionary/danish-german/>

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bab.la (<http://bab.la/>) is an interactive language portal offering bilingual dictionaries, vocabulary lessons, language quizzes, and language games all for free. Currently available in 28 different languages (English, Arabic, Chinese, Czech, Danish, Dutch, Finnish, French, Esperanto, German, Greek, Hindi, Hungarian, Indonesian, Italian, Japanese, Korean, Norwegian, Polish, Portuguese, Romanian, Russian, Spanish, Swahili, Swedish, Thai, Turkish and Vietnamese), the site operates on a wiki - style model, allowing users to contribute content and feedback. bab.la was founded in 2007 by Dr. Andreas Schroeter and Patrick Uecker. Since April 2015, bab.la has been part of the Oxford Dictionaries family at Oxford University Press.

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