Wänns brännt, simmer alli da

Swiss German · C1

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The grammar · Idioms: family and getting along

1 · SEE IT

De Beck hät mit em Gmeindspräsident es Hüehnli z rupfe

The baker has a bone to pick with the mayor

2 · LEARN IT

Bluet isch dicker als Wasser.	Blood is thicker than water.	**e Leiche im Chäller ha**	to have a skeleton in the closet
gueti Miene zum böse Spiil mache	to put a brave face on it	**s Heu nöd uf de gliiche Bühni ha**	not to see eye to eye
es **Hüehnli z rupfe ha**	to have a bone to pick	**Öl is Füür schütte**	to add fuel to the fire
am gliiche Strick zieh	to pull together	**S letscht Hemp hät kei Täsche.**	You can't take it with you.
offeni Rächnige ha	to have old scores to settle	**öpperem uf de Zahn füele**	to sound someone out

Find it: __ / 2

3 · FIND IT

Circle every example of idioms. One line has none.

1. wäge emene Parkplatz, wo sit drüü Jahr i jedem Protokoll wieder uftaucht,
2. und a de Gmeindsversammlig schüttet jede no Öl is Füür,
3. mir ziehnd am gliiche Strick, bis s Füür uus isch,

1 · Word Match

__ / 5

Write the letter of the meaning.

Dorf _____

Striit _____

Gmeindsversammlig _____

Rauch _____

Dorffriede _____

a) quarrel · b) smoke · c) village peace · d) village · e) town meeting

2 · Lyric Scramble

__ / 5

Number the lines 1 to 5, in song order.

- ☐ De Iisatzleiter verteilt d Befähl, mir ränned mit de Schlüüch,
- ☐ aber für eus heisst das: em Meier siini Schüür, und d Chüe sind no drin.
- ☐ Uf em Pager staht nüchtern öppis vo me Brand im Ökonomiegebäude,
- ☐ Ich rüef em Meier zue: Isch no öpper im Stall? Sind d Chind dusse?
- ☐ wer kei Atemschutz treit, bliibt usse, de Rauch isch giftig,

3 · True or False

__ / 4

Does the translation match the line? Tick T or F.

und de Beck, wo geschter no gfluechet hät, legt näbe mir Hand aa.
and the baker, who was still cursing yesterday, lends a hand beside me. T ☐ F ☐

und vo dem, wo mer bi eus Dorffriede nännt, gseht mer s ganz Jahr wenig.
and of what they call village peace around here, you see little all year. T ☐ F ☐

Min Grossvater hät verzellt, dass früener s ganz Dorf i ere Reihe gstande isch
My grandfather used to tell how in the old days the whole village stood in a line T ☐ F ☐

Mitts i de Nacht hüület d Sirene über s Dorf.
In the middle of the night the siren wails over the hotel. T ☐ F ☐

Sing it together

Play the song. Everyone sings the chorus. Then two halves take turns, line by line.

My score ☐ / 16

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Grammar · Find it (2)

1 none 2 öl 3 strick

1 · Word Match (5)

Dorf – d) village Striit – a) quarrel Gmeindsversammlig – e) town meeting
Rauch – b) smoke Dorffriede – c) village peace

2 · Lyric Scramble (5)

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3 · True or False (4)

1 T 2 F: and of what we call village peace around here, you see little all year. 3 T
4 F: In the middle of the night the siren wails over the village.

For the teacher

Play the song once with the lyrics. Do "See it" and "Learn it" together; students do "Find it". Students do the 4 games alone or as homework, add up their score and hand in the sheet. Each game is also in the app's Arcade.

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