

# Topic 5 Economic Symbols of Germany

## Lesson 2 How do Germans meet their basic needs of food, clothing, and shel-

**Lesson Objective**

The student will identify ways German families satisfy basic needs.

**Materials and Resources**

- Transparency 21 “Needs and Wants”
- Worksheet 21 “Needs and Wants”

**Strategies**

People in all parts of the world must meet their basic needs of food, clothing and shelter. To help students practice discriminating between “needs” and

“wants,” distribute **Worksheet 21, “Needs and Wants”** for students to complete. The nine items on the sheet are representative of German stores and shops.

**Needs**

Photo 1	bakery store	There are sweet seductions everywhere in Germany. Pastries and bread are produced according to different traditions of baking and are sold at “deli” counters.
Photo 3	department store	“Kaufhof” belongs to one of the biggest department store chains: In Bonn, Kaufhof is located in a pedestrian zone surrounded by small boutiques, just across the famous roman Bonn cathedral.
Photo 5	groceries	Germans eat fresh vegetables and fruits daily. There is a strong competition between shops regarding price and quality of fresh products. In some cities and towns vegetables are sold at farmers’ markets in the town square once or twice a week.
Photo 6	optometrist	Just to attract passers-by, optometrists have invented a lot of interesting decorations for their windows.
Photo 9	shoes	Sold in stores much like those in the United States, it seems that shoes have the strongest attraction for customers.

**Wants**

Photo 2	dessert	Pastries often go together with cafés. Here, the filled chocolates, tarts and cakes are still made by hand.
Photo 4	tea	The “Teehaus Knusperhäuschen” is located in a typical small half-timbered house of the lower Rhine region: a smart specialist tea shop. Tea in its varieties of flavors is a favourite hot beverage in Germany.
Photo 7	flowers	Flower shops offer freshly cut flowers and plants in pots. Flowers are not only bought for visits but also for daily decoration.
Photo 8	books	The fear that bookstores would lose business with the introduction of PCs did not become reality. Bookstores are still a wonderland for young and old. Germany has 75 universities; technical colleges etc. not included. People are eager to learn.