



Vocab Toolbox: German "*lassen*"

Exercises



Tick the correct English translation!

1. *Sie ließen uns draußen in der Kälte warten.*
 - They let us wait outside in the cold.
 - They made us wait outside in the cold.
 - They waited outside in the cold.
 - They waited for us outside in the cold.

2. *Mein Chef ließ mich heute früher gehen.*
 - My boss made me leave earlier today.
 - My boss let me leave earlier today.
 - My chef left me earlier today.
 - My chef let me leave earlier today.

3. *Du solltest deine Haare bei einem richtigen Friseur schneiden lassen.*
 - You should have your hair cut at a proper hairdresser's.
 - You should let your hair cut at a proper hairdresser's.
 - You should make your hair cut at a proper hairdresser's.
 - You should have cut your hair at a proper hairdresser's.

4. *Wir haben ein paar Broschüren für Sie drucken lassen.*
 - We let some brochures printed for you.
 - We have printed some brochures for you.
 - We have had some brochures printed for you.
 - We made some brochures print for you.



5. *Lass mich in Ruhe und kümmere dich um deinen Kram!*

- Let me alone and mind your own business.
- Make me alone and mind your own business.
- Leave me and mind your own business.
- Leave me alone and mind your own business.



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Solutions Sheet



1. *Sie ließen uns draußen in der Kälte warten.*
 - They let us wait outside in the cold. → This is not about giving permission to wait outside in the cold!
 - They made us wait outside in the cold.
 - They waited outside in the cold.
 - They waited for us outside in the cold.

2. *Mein Chef ließ mich heute früher gehen.*
 - My boss made me leave earlier today. ("He forced me to leave....")
 - My boss let me leave earlier today.
 - My **chef** left me earlier today. "chef" means "professional cook"!
 - My **chef** let me leave earlier today.

3. *Du solltest deine Haare bei einem richtigen Friseur schneiden lassen.*
 - You should have your hair cut at a proper hairdresser's.
 - You should let your hair cut at a proper hairdresser's.
 - You should make your hair cut at a proper hairdresser's.
 - You should have cut your hair at a proper hairdresser's. → This is a present perfect form and means "You should have done the job at a hairdresser's shop"

4. *Wir haben ein paar Broschüren für Sie drucken lassen.*
 - We let some brochures printed for you.
 - We have printed some brochures for you. → "Wir haben ein paar Broschüren für Sie gedruckt!"
 - We have had some brochures printed for you. → We gave the job to someone else.
 - We made some brochures print for you.



5. *Lass mich in Ruhe und kümmere dich um deinen Kram!*

- Let me alone and mind your own business.
- Make me alone and mind your own business.
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