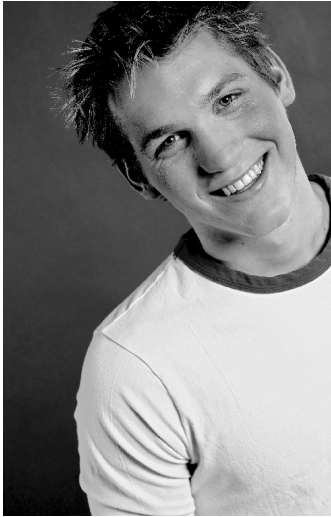


## Dennis from Germany

On one of her trips to Berlin Tiffany met Dennis and they became friends. This summer he is spending his vacation<sup>1</sup> in the USA. Today he is visiting Tiffany in Tenserton. She takes him to school to meet her friends.



**Tiffany:** Oh, hi Lily! Samantha! This is Dennis from Germany! Dennis, these are my friends, Lily and Samantha!

**Dennis:** Nice to meet you!

**Samantha:** Nice to meet you!

**Lily:** How do you do?

**Samantha:** You are from Germany? How did you get to know Tiffany?

**Dennis:** Oh, that's a funny story:

*You see, two years ago it has rained in Berlin. My friend Nino and I have gone to a pizzeria and have eaten a pizza and have drunk some Coke. In the street we have seen this girl. It has been Tiffany and she has been so wet because she hasn't had an umbrella. Nino and I have wanted to help her. We have paid and we have left the pizzeria. We have talked to her and I have given her my jacket!*

Dennis stops. He can see that the girls are confused<sup>2</sup>. Why are they confused?

Dennis says:	Samantha and Lily understand:
Two years ago it <i>has rained</i> in Berlin!	Wow! It rained in Berlin two years ago and it's still raining today!
My friend Nino and I <i>have gone</i> to a pizzeria and <i>have eaten</i> a pizza	So, you want to tell us that you are not hungry now?
In the street we <i>have seen</i> this girl.	You've just seen a girl? Where is she?
She <i>has been</i> so wet because she <i>hasn't had</i> an umbrella.	Why? It hasn't rained here for two weeks and Tiffany is still wet?
I <i>have given</i> her my jacket!	The jacket that Tiffany is wearing is Dennis' jacket? He has got a pink jacket? With glitter? German boys are strange!!

**Why didn't the girls understand Dennis?**

**Because he used the present perfect!**

**The present perfect always takes us from the past to the present!**

Dennis remembers what his English teacher told him:

**“Use the simple past when you tell a story!”**

Dennis starts over again: *“Two years ago it*

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<sup>1</sup> vacation – Ferien

<sup>2</sup> confused – verwirrt