

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.

1. *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.

1. *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.

1. *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.

1. *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.

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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.

1. *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.

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🗷 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"

1. *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.

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⬜ 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.