

# Solutions to the activities

## Activity 2:

- 1 e
- 2 d
- 3 a
- 4 b
- 5 c

## Activity 3:

- 1 c
- 2 f
- 3 e
- 4 a
- 5 b
- 6 d

## Activity 4:

- 1 Es ist nicht alles Gold, was glänzt.
  - 2 Ende gut, alles gut.
  - 3 Das Herz auf der Zunge tragen
  - 4 Viel Lärm um nichts.
  - 5 In der Kürze liegt die Würze.
  - 6 Das Eis brechen
  - 7\* Literal translation: I only understand train station.
- English equivalent: It's all Greek to me.

### Where does the idiom "It's all Greek to me" come from?

The idiom "It's all Greek to me" originates from Shakespeare's play Julius Caesar (Act I, Scene 2). In the scene, Casca uses the phrase when describing how he couldn't understand Cicero's speech because it was in Greek:

"But for mine own part, it was Greek to me."

#### Meaning:

Casca's remark implies that the speech was incomprehensible to him, as Greek was a language not widely understood in Elizabethan England.

#### Historical Context:

The phrase reflects the perception that Greek, being an ancient and scholarly language, was difficult or impossible for most people of the time to understand. Over time, this phrase evolved into the more general idiom, "It's all Greek to me," used to describe anything confusing or unintelligible.

Interestingly, other languages have similar expressions but reference different languages or contexts. For example:

In Spanish: "Esto me suena a chino" ("This sounds like Chinese to me").

In French: "C'est du chinois" ("It's Chinese").

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## Activity 5:

- 1 lie-low
- 2 a charmed life
- 3 send him packing
- 4 good riddance
- 5 night-owl
- 6 as dead as a doornail