

# MY RIGHTS

THE CONVENTION ON  
THE RIGHTS OF THE CHILD



9-12 YEARS

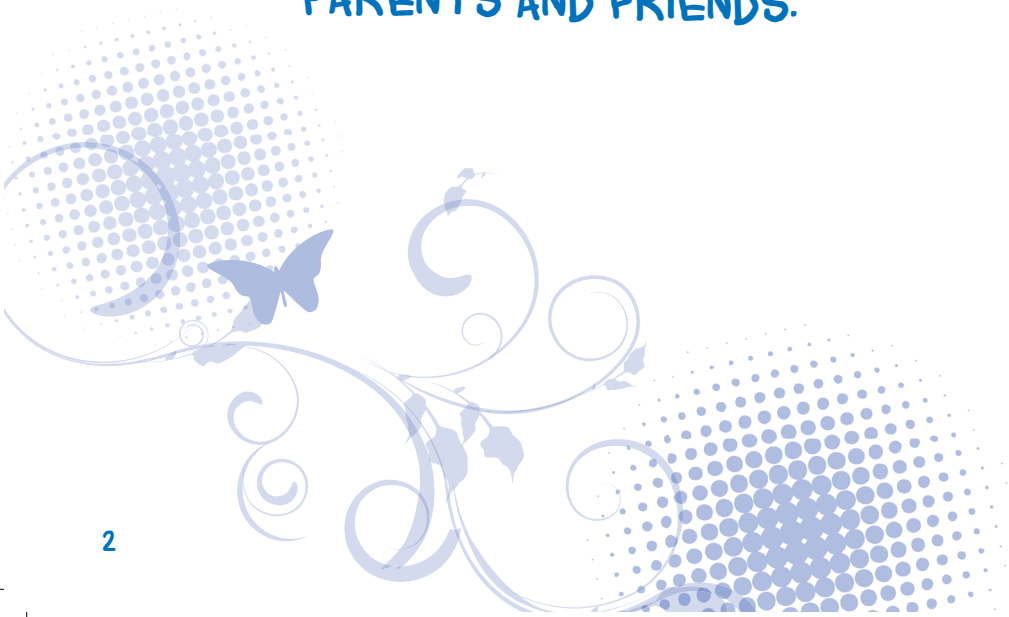
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# HELLO!

HERE YOU WILL FIND YOUR RIGHTS.  
THEY APPLY TO ALL CHILDREN  
ALL AROUND THE WORLD.

READ THEM THROUGH AND TALK  
ABOUT THEM AT YOUR SCHOOL,  
WITH YOUR TEACHERS,  
PARENTS AND FRIENDS.





# MY RIGHTS

Hello! Here you can find your rights. They have been included in the “Convention on the Rights of the Child”. The Convention applies to all children and young people around the world under the age of 18. It contains all rights that children have.

The Convention is also called the “UN Convention on the Rights of the Child”. A UN Convention is an agreement between different countries. Most countries around the world have agreed to this Convention. They have indicated the Rights of the Child. They therefore promise to implement and comply with the rights of children.

The Convention on the Rights of the Child has 54 articles. Articles indicate the individual sections of a Convention. Under the single sections, other children’s rights are established. We have summarised your most important rights. You can read about them in the following pages.

Discuss your rights in class and with your teachers. Talk to your parents and your friends about the rights. It is very important that children are aware of their rights. It is also important that every child helps to explain to other children and young people their own rights. Because only when children know their rights well, can they find out whether their own rights in school, at home and with friends are really being respected. Then you can also talk to adults about them and suggest how to make them better.



The UN Convention on the Rights of the Child was adopted by the United Nations General Assembly on 20 November 1989. At the UN General Assembly, the member countries of the United Nations (the UN) meet and decide together. The Convention contains, for example, the following children's rights:

- THE RIGHT OF THE CHILD TO BE PROTECTED!
- THE RIGHT TO EXPRESS THEIR OWN OPINION!
- THE RIGHT TO TAKE PART IN DECISIONS!
- ALL CHILDREN ARE EQUALLY IMPORTANT!
- THE INTEREST OF CHILDREN SHALL ALWAYS BE TAKEN INTO ACCOUNT FIRST AND FOREMOST!
- CHILDREN HAVE THE RIGHT TO PRIVACY!
- ALL CHILDREN SHOULD BE GIVEN INFORMATION ABOUT THEIR RIGHTS!

You can find more rights in the following pages. Further information and the full Convention can also be found at the Deutscher Kinderschutzbund (German Child Protection Association), which is determined to make sure that children's rights are respected in Germany:

**Deutscher Kinderschutzbund Bundesverband e.V.**

Schöneberger Str. 15  
10963 Berlin

and on-line at:  
[www.dksb.de](http://www.dksb.de)

AND NOW  
**HAVE FUN**  
WHILE READING AND DISCUSSING!



THE CONVENTION ON THE RIGHTS  
OF THE CHILD OF THE UNITED  
NATIONS IS VALID FOR ALL  
CHILDREN AND YOUNG PEOPLE  
UNDER THE AGE OF 18.



THE GOVERNMENTS OF THE SINGLE  
COUNTRIES, WHICH HAVE SIGNED THE  
CONVENTION, ARE RESPONSIBLE FOR  
ENSURING THAT CHILDREN'S RIGHTS  
ARE RESPECTED. THEY MUST ALSO  
HELP OTHER COUNTRIES TO ACHIEVE  
CHILDREN'S RIGHTS.




**ALL CHILDREN ARE OF EQUAL WORTH.**  
NO CHILD MAY BE DISADVANTAGED, FOR  
EXAMPLE, BECAUSE OF THEIR GENDER,  
APPEARANCE, LANGUAGE, RELIGION  
OR OPINION IN RESPECT TO OTHER  
CHILDREN



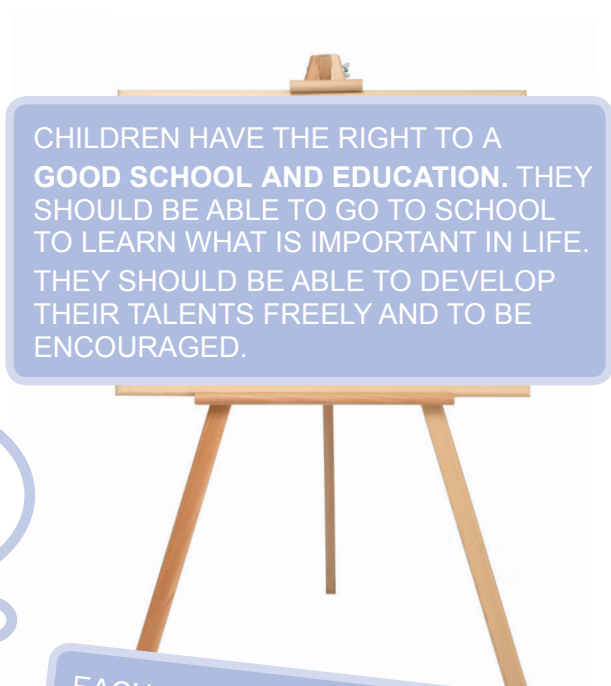
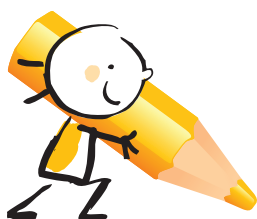
**EACH CHILD HAS THE RIGHT TO  
HIS OR HER OWN NATIONALITY  
AND HIS OR HER OWN NAME.**



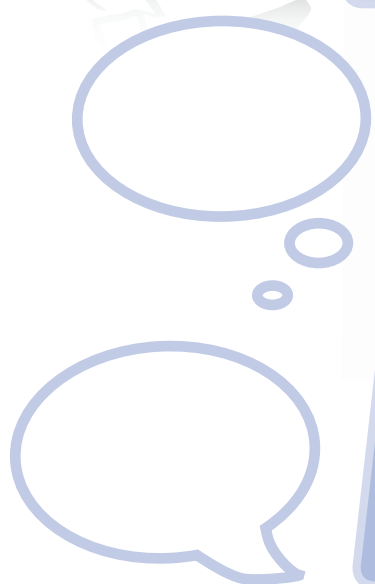
**THE FAMILY AND PARENTS HAVE THE  
RESPONSIBILITY FOR THE WELL-BEING  
AND THE SAFETY OF THEIR CHILDREN.  
THEY ARE ALSO RESPONSIBLE FOR  
THEIR EDUCATION AND DEVELOPMENT.**



ALL CHILDREN HAVE THE RIGHT TO BE WITH THEIR MOTHER AND FATHER. THIS ALSO APPLIES WHEN THE PARENTS DO NOT LIVE TOGETHER. BOTH PARENTS HAVE RESPONSIBILITY FOR THEIR CHILD. THIS IS WHY PARENTS ALSO HAVE THE RIGHT TO RECEIVE SUPPORT AND HELP WITH THEIR DUTY.



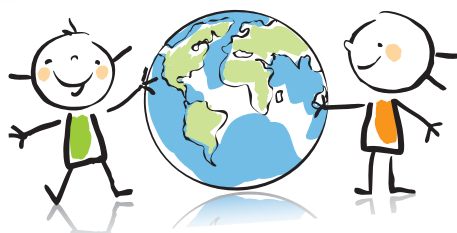
CHILDREN HAVE THE RIGHT TO A **GOOD SCHOOL AND EDUCATION**. THEY SHOULD BE ABLE TO GO TO SCHOOL TO LEARN WHAT IS IMPORTANT IN LIFE. THEY SHOULD BE ABLE TO DEVELOP THEIR TALENTS FREELY AND TO BE ENCOURAGED.



EACH CHILD HAS THE RIGHT TO EXPRESS **HIS OR HER OWN THOUGHTS AND VIEWS**. CHILDREN SHOULD BE ENCOURAGED AND ASKED TO DO THIS. CHILDREN'S OPINION SHOULD BE TAKEN INTO ACCOUNT AT HOME, AT SCHOOL BUT ALSO BY STATE AGENCIES AND BY THE COURTS.

**ALL ADULTS, WHO DECIDE ON  
MATTERS AFFECTING CHILDREN,  
SHALL TAKE INTO ACCOUNT WHICH  
DECISIONS ARE BEST FOR THE  
CHILDREN.**

**ALL CHILDREN HAVE THE  
RIGHT TO A GOOD LIFE.  
CHILDREN WITH DISABILITIES  
HAVE THE RIGHT TO SPECIAL  
HELP AND SUPPORT.**



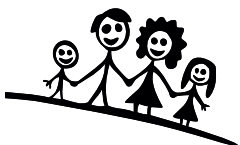
**THE OPINIONS AND THE  
RELIGIOUS BELIEFS OF  
EVERY CHILD SHALL BE  
RESPECTED. CHILDREN  
BELONGING TO A MINORITY  
HAVE THE RIGHT TO THEIR  
OWN LANGUAGE, CULTURE  
AND PRACTICE OF THEIR  
OWN RELIGION.**



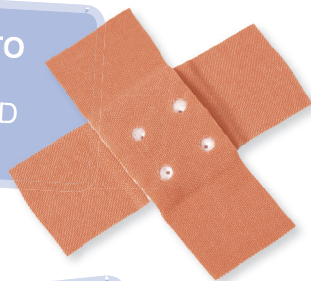
THE PRIVATE LIFE OF CHILDREN IS PROTECTED. FOR EXAMPLE, NOBODY MAY READ A CHILD'S DIARY OR LETTERS WITHOUT HIS OR HER PERMISSION.



ALL CHILDREN HAVE THE RIGHT TO PLAY AND HAVE THE RIGHT TO A SUITABLE AND HEALTHY ENVIRONMENT.



CHILDREN HAVE THE RIGHT TO MEDICAL AND HEALTHCARE, WHEN THEY ARE ILL AND NEED ASSISTANCE.



NO CHILD MAY BE TREATED BADLY. ALL TYPES OF PHYSICAL PUNISHMENT, EXPLOITATION, NEGLECT AND EMOTIONAL ABUSE ARE PROHIBITED. WHENEVER CHILDREN ARE ABUSED, THEY HAVE THE RIGHT TO PROTECTION AND HELP



WHEN CHILDREN FROM OTHER COUNTRIES ARE FORCED TO FLEE, THEY HAVE THE **SAME RIGHTS AS ALL OTHER CHILDREN IN THEIR NEW COUNTRY**. WHENEVER THEY COME WITHOUT A PARENT OR AN ESCORT, THEY NEED SPECIAL SUPPORT. AN ATTEMPT SHOULD BE MADE TO REUNITE THEM WITH THEIR FAMILY.

**CHILDREN HAVE THE RIGHT TO INFORMATION**, E.G. THROUGH SOCIAL MEDIA, NEWSPAPERS OR TELEVISION. THEY MAY ALSO PASS ON INFORMATION TO OTHERS. INFORMATION SHOULD NOT BE HARMFUL FOR CHILDREN.



**CHILDREN SHOULD BE AWARE OF THEIR RIGHTS AND BE INFORMED ABOUT THE CONVENTION.**





# THE DEUTSCHER KINDERSCHUTZBUND

(GERMAN CHILD PROTECTION ASSOCIATION)

The Kinderschutzbund (German Child Protection Association) advocates the rights and interests of children and young people in Germany. The Kinderschutzbund has the aim of lobbying policymakers for the passing of suitable decisions for children and their parents and families. It has local associations in over 430 towns and cities across Germany. Through its local associations, it helps children and their families locally. It offers them support, for example, through recreational activities, with homework or advisory and counselling services. The Deutscher Kinderschutzbund (German Child Protection Association) is open to all seeking help and support.

# LEGAL DISCLOSURE

**“MY RIGHTS”** are brochures for the dissemination of the UN Convention on the Rights of the Child for children and young people. “My Rights” are available for three age levels:

- For pre-school children and primary schoolers (Part I, 5 to 8 year olds)
- For school children (Part II, 9 to 12 year olds)
- And teenagers (Part III, 13 to 18 year olds)

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