

Watching an English series
student's handout



Bildquellen: Heartstopper (Alice Oseman, Netflix 2022) & <https://aliceoseman.com/heartstopper/character-profiles/>

Name: _____

pre | Discussion questions

- 1) The title of the series is heartstopper. What could it mean? Why could it be important to the story?
- 2) Have a look at the cover. What do you think will the story be about?
Now have a look at the words in the box below. How do you imagine the story now?

boys' school	rugby	gay	friends
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- 3) Watch the trailer: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=FrK4xPy4ahg>.

post | What happened in this episode?

- 4) Where is the series set? What's the name of the school?

- 5) Who is Nick Nelson?

- 6) Who is Charlie Spring?

- 7) What happened in this episode?

post | Language focus

- 8) Find out what these words mean:

English	My language
angry	
cute	
How dare you!	
to be stuck	
guy	
to have a crush on somebody	
gay	

9) Match the irregular past forms with their base form (infinitive):

base form	past simple
	caught
	changed
	broke
	saw
	said

base form	past simple
	talked
	took
	used
	wanted
	were

PS: Here are the base forms of the irregular verbs: break, see, be, take, catch, say

10) Are the following adjectives rather positive or negative? Copy them into the list. Look up their meaning where necessary.

chaotic, different, golden, happy, interested, scared, kind,
*honest, alive, loud, perfect, skinny, stuck, weird, silly

positive 😊	negative 😞
neither positive nor negative	

post | Extra

11) What does the X in the text message mean?

12) Write back to Charlie. Write Nick's text message.

13) What do you think will happen next?



pre | Discussion question

1) What do you remember from the first episode? The following words can help you.

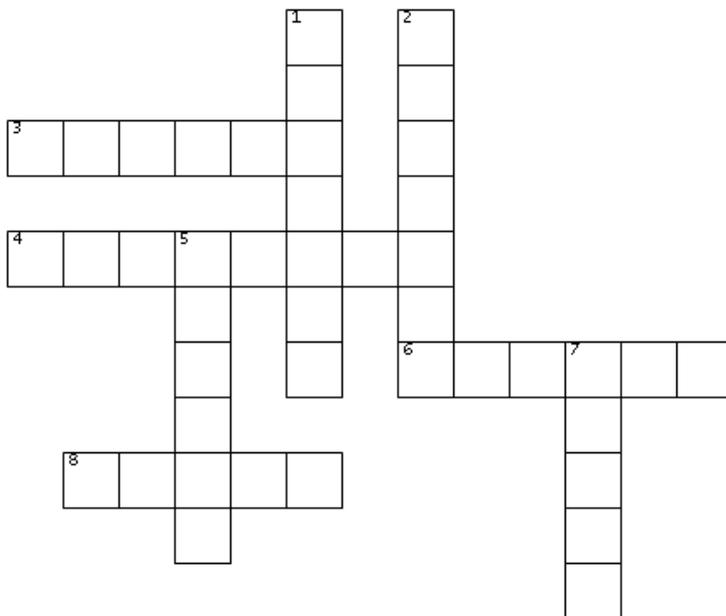


boyfriend	split up	have a crush on	rugby team	kiss
music room		library	help	weak

Remember to use the linking words: *first, then, next, after (that), finally*

pre | Language focus

2) Do you know these words?



across ➡

- ③ not father, but _____
- ④ not the answer, but the

- ⑥ not brother, but _____
- ⑧ not breakfast, but _____

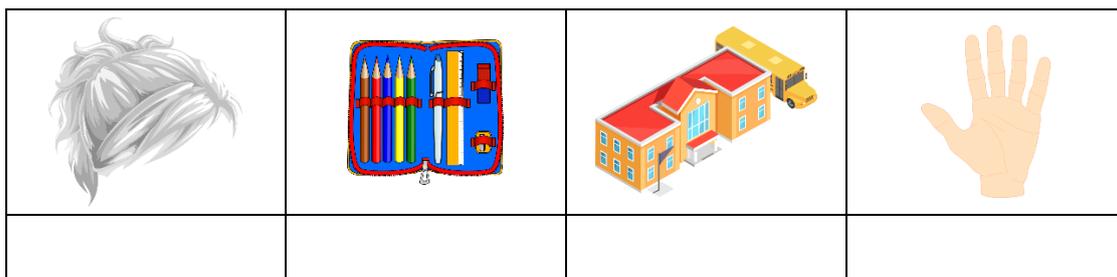
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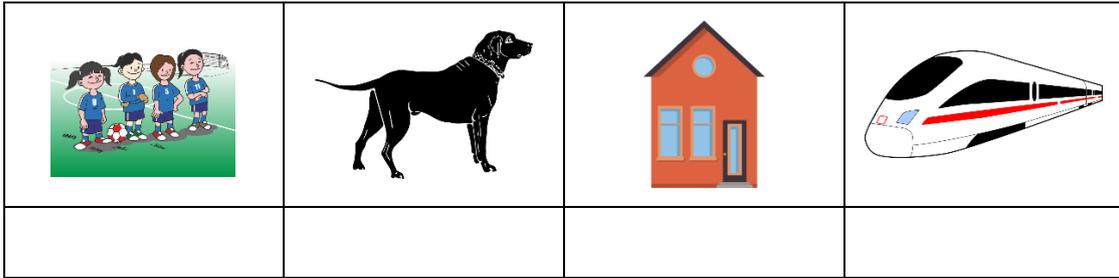
- ① not evening, but _____
- ② your mum and your dad are your

- ⑤ the first season of the year:

- ⑦ not yesterday, but _____

3) What words can you see in the pictures?





PS: These words might help you: pencil case, team

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post | What happened in this episode?

4) What do Charlie and Nick text about in the beginning of this episode?

5) What does Elle have to find out about Tara Jones?

6) What does Nick research at the end of the episode?

post | Language focus

7) Find the opposite (*Gegenteil*):

word	opposite
intelligent	
loud	
bad	
fast	
small	
hot	
alive	
difficult	
hard	
right, correct	
old	
long	

outside			
shy			

PS: These words can help you: soft, short, brave, stupid, quiet

8) What does the word *coming-out* mean?

9) What do they call the *Klasse* in the series? class form year

10) What is the word for *Lektion* in the series? lesson period class

post | Extra

11) What do they mean when they say that Nick is a *straight* boy?

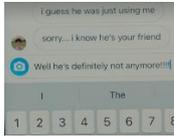
12) Imagine that Charlie's sister, Tori, talks to him about Nick. Imagine their conversation.

13) What do you think will happen next?



pre | Discussion question

- 1) What do you remember from the second episode? The following words and pictures can help you.



texting Tara	school canteen Darcy	snow video games	boyfriend watching TV	girlfriend googling
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Remember to use the linking words: *first, then, next, after (that), finally*

- 2) Describe the following pictures from episode 3. These words can help you:
in the first/second/third/fourth picture, in the middle, on the left/right, in the foreground/background, I can see, there is/are, they are...



What could happen in this episode? Use these words: *maybe, perhaps, I think they will...*

pre | Language focus

- 3) Do you know these words? If not, look them up:
deep, great, important, noisy, true

- 4) Match the adjectives with their German translation. Write down a-j on the line.

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|------------|-------|-------------------------|
| 1) funny | _____ | a) ruhig |
| 2) quiet | _____ | b) ernst |
| 3) serious | _____ | c) glücklich, zufrieden |
| 4) honest | _____ | d) eifersüchtig |
| 5) sweet | _____ | e) lustig |
| 6) jealous | _____ | f) stolz |
| 7) sad | _____ | g) süß |
| 8) happy | _____ | h) gemein |
| 9) proud | _____ | i) ehrlich |
| 10) mean | _____ | j) traurig |

Discuss with your partner:

- What kind of person are you? You can use the adjectives 1-4 (**funny, quiet, serious, honest**) to describe yourself.
- Is there a boy/girl in your class/sports team etc. that you like? Why do you think he/she is **sweet**?
- Can you remember when you were last **jealous** of somebody, **sad/happy/proud** about something, **mean** to somebody?

post | What happened in this episode?

5) Who invites whom to Harry's party? *Wer lädt wen zu Harrys Party ein?*

6) What are Tao and Elle doing? Why are there just the two of them? *Wieso sind sie nur zu zweit?*

7) What do Tara and Darcy do in this episode? What about Charlie and Nick?

post | Language focus

8) Can you remember the following question words: *was, wann, wo, wer, warum, wie* (viel/e)?

9) Do you remember the combinations with any, some and every? Write down as many as you know:

any	anybody, any
some	somehow,
every	everywhere,

post | Extra

10) Can you think of other nouns ending in these suffixes?

announcement	ment
childhood	hood
goodness	ness
friend	ship

11) Tao and Elle discuss about friendship. What are characteristics of a good friend(ship) in your opinion? What do you like about your friends?

12) Have you ever been to a party? Do you like parties? Why (not)?



13) How would you like to celebrate your 16th birthday?

14) What do you think will happen next?



pre | Discussion questions

1) What do you remember from the third episode? The following words and pictures can help you.



Harry

birthday party

Tara

Darcy
dancing

movie night
kissing

Remember to use the linking words: *first, then, next, after (that), finally*

2) What does the word 'secret' (the title of the episode) mean? What do you think: Who has got a secret or who wants to keep what secret?

pre | Language focus

3) Do you remember how to form -ing verbs? Have a look at the example and write down the verbs in the -ing form. Extra: Write down the meaning next to the verb.

bring	+ ing			
be				
go				
give				
date				
see				
say				
bully				
lose			losing	verlieren
meet				
take				
get				
put				
text				

Tip: Be careful with the verbs ending in -e and with the verbs including a short vowel (kurzer Vokal)!

post | What happened in this episode?

4) What do Charlie and Nick talk about in Charlie's room?

5) Why is the episode called 'secret'?

6) How does Tara and Darcy's story go on?

7) What is Imogen's plan?

post | Language focus

8) Match the words and their translation. Write down a-f on the line.

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|----------------------------|---|--------------------------------|
| 1) soaked | _____  | a) durcheinander, verwirrt |
| 2) awkward | _____  | b) ausflippen |
| 3) It's all my fault. | _____  | c) etwas herausfinden |
| 4) to freak out | _____  | d) unangenehm, peinlich |
| 5) confused | _____  | e) durchnässt |
| 6) to figure something out | _____  | f) Das ist alles meine Schuld. |

9) Find the missing terms (sport vocabulary) and write the words from the box next to their translation.

ball - captain - match - line - supporter - rule
throw - run - kick - pass - catch - keep in reserve - qualify for sth.- tackle so.

German	English	German	English
Mannschaftskapitän		jdn. angreifen	
fangen		Regel	
Ball		rennen	
Linie		werfen	
zuspielen, passen		kicken, schiessen	
als Ersatz(spieler) behalten		Fan	
für etw. qualifizieren		Match	

pre | Discussion question

1) What do you remember from the fourth episode? The following words and pictures can help you.



raining
support

umbrella
get injured

lunch
ask for a date

art's room
Isaac

tackle someone
Imogen

Remember to use the linking words: *first, then, next, after (that), finally*

pre | Language focus

2) Do you know these words?

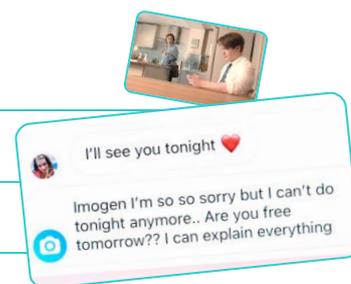
PS: These words can help you: *bowling, board, pin-ball machine, pawn, dice, bowling pins* [openclipart.org](https://www.openclipart.org/)

post | What happened in this episode?

3) What is the teacher doing at the beginning of class?



4) Nick's mum asks him: **What's up?** *Was ist los?* Imagine Imogen's mum asks her the same question after getting Nick's text message. What will she tell her?



5) Why is Tao so angry at Nick?

6) What does Nick tell Imogen in the park?

post | Language focus

7) At the beginning of episode 5 they're playing Monopoly. Do you know what these words mean? *win, lose, a draw, to be (un)lucky, cheat, roll, dice, pawn, it's your turn, miss a turn*. Write down their translation on the line. If you know more words about boardgames, write them on the line too.

8) Do you know how you can react to other people's stories? Match the translations a-n to reactions 1-14.

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|-------------------------|---|----------------------------------|
| 1) Oh, no! | _____  | a) In Ordnung / Okay. |
| 2) Oh! I'm sorry. | _____  | b) Das tut mir schrecklich leid. |
| 3) Oh, good. | _____  | c) Ach ja? |
| 4) I'm so sorry. | _____  | d) Echt? |
| 5) Fine. | _____  | e) Gott sei Dank. |
| 6) Oh, my God! | _____  | f) Oh, nein! |
| 7) Thank God. | _____  | g) Tut mir leid. |
| 8) Is it? | _____  | h) Oh Gott! |
| 9) Well, um... | _____  | i) Das kann nicht sein. |
| 10) Oh, yeah? | _____  | j) Na ja... |
| 11) That can't be true. | _____  | k) Oh, gut. |
| 12) Wow! | _____  | l) Du hast recht. |
| 13) You're right. | _____  | m) Sicher? |
| 14) Are you sure? | _____  | n) Grossartig! |

post | Extra

9) What do you think Tao will do next?

10) What do you think will happen to Nick and his friends next?

pre | Discussion question

1) What do you remember from the last episode? The following words and pictures can help you.



birthday date bathroom present kiss friends

Remember to use the linking words: *first, then, next, after (that), finally*

pre | Language focus

2) Can you find the nouns that go with these adjectives? And what do the words actually mean?

noun	adjective	translation of adjective
	musical	
	confident	
	different	
	surprised	
	funny	
	supportive	
	peaceful	
	lovely	
	happy	

PS: These suffixes and words might help you: *-ence, -ness* | *selbstsicher, unterstützend*

post | What happened in this episode?

3) Why is Nick confused?

4) What does Nick tell Tara and Darcy?

5) What's Tara and Darcy's plan?

6) Why does Tara run away just before the concert?

post | Language focus

7) Do you know what these phrasal verbs mean? Read the sentences and match them with their German translation.

1) wake up	I didn't just wake up one day like "Oh, look, guess I'm gay now."	_____ 	a) aufbauen
2) hurry up	Hurry up , you're late.	_____ 	b) aufwachsen
3) grow up	Growing up bisexual is constantly second-guessing yourself.	_____ 	c) die Klappe halten (ruhig sein)
4) sit up	Okay, eyes on me please, girls. Sitting up .	_____ 	d) aufwachen
5) set up	Your drum kit still isn't set up .	_____ 	e) auftischen
6) shut up	Shut up! It's not like I can say anything to him.	_____ 	f) (sich) gerade hinsetzen
7) dish up	I'm going to dish up the pizzas.	_____ 	g) sich beeilen

8) hang out	We've been hanging out a lot.	_____ 	h) sich outen
9) come out	You came out years ago.	_____ 	i) herausfinden, verstehen
10) be out	I'm not really out yet.	_____ 	j) sich outen
11) watch out	Watch out!	_____ 	k) herumhängen
12) figure out	You don't have to figure it out right now.	_____ 	l) Vorsicht! Pass auf!

post | Extra

8) What do you think: Who will know about Nick and Charlie next?

9) How will Tao and Elle's story go on?

10) Imagine Elle writes a love letter to Tao. What will she write?



pre | Discussion question

1) What do you remember from the last episode? The following words and pictures can help you.



bisexual coming out triple date locked in rehearsal concert

Remember to use the linking words: *first, then, next, after (that), finally*

pre | Language focus

2) Match the reactions to the German translations.

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|--------------------|-------|---------------------|
| 1) Are you joking? | _____ | a) Ich weiss. |
| 2) I know. | _____ | b) Was? |
| 3) Come on! | _____ | c) Sicher? |
| 4) Are you sure? | _____ | d) Komm schon. |
| 5) I see. | _____ | e) Machst du Witze? |
| 6) What? | _____ | f) Verstehe. |

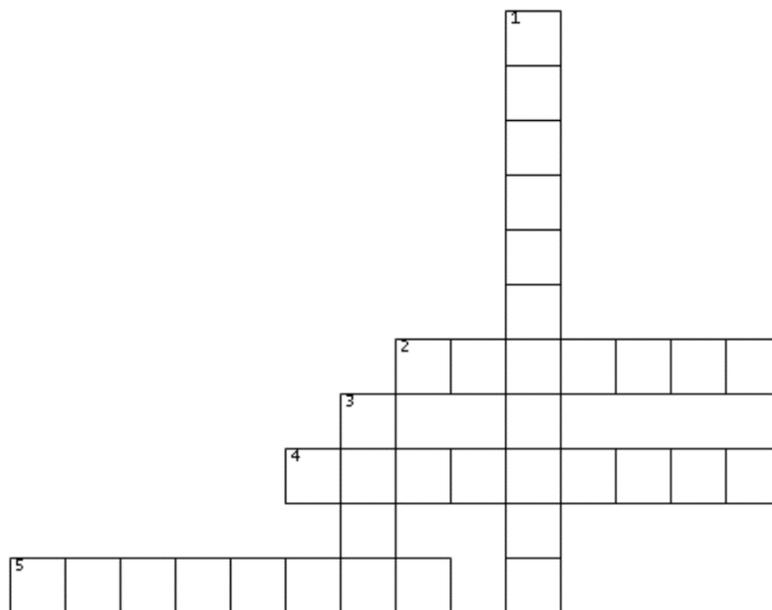
3) Here are some dirty words they use in Heartstopper. Can you find their German meaning? [ä = ä]

across ⇨

- ② dick
- ④ loser
- ⑤ idiot

down ⇩

- ① wimp
- ③ dork



post | What happened in this episode?

4) What happens at the cinema?

5) Why do Harry and Nick fight?

6) Why do Tao and Harry fight?

7) What does Tao say to Charlie at the end of the episode?

post | Language focus

8) Fill in the gaps by using the correct word from the box.

break my fault get leave lost it back

He started saying some things about you. I just _____.

Just give it _____!

Come and _____ it!

_____ it up!

The fight with Harry was _____.

Just _____ me alone!



post | Extra

9) Have you ever experienced a fight or seen someone being bullied? What did you do? Discuss with a partner.

10) Who says what? Can you match the quotes with the person? *Charlie, Harry, Nick, Tao*

a) "I don't want to be friends with those people anymore" _____

b) "Don't bother. We're barely friends anymore." _____

c) "Did your girlfriend draw it?" _____

d) "I've been making your life really difficult." _____

11) Imagine Charlie and Tao are texting after the fight. What are they writing to each other? Write down their conversation.



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pre | Discussion questions

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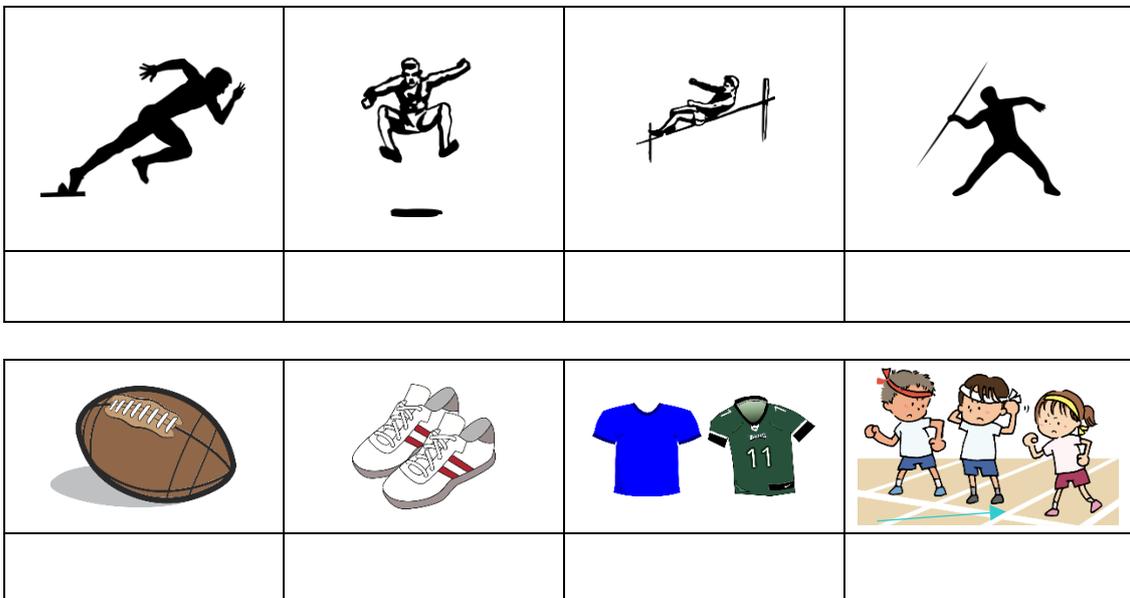


sister movie night fight secret sorry bullying his fault

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pre | Language focus

2) In this episode the school sports day takes place. Do you know these sport words?



PS: These words might help you: *high jump, long jump, javelin, bib, starting line*

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post | What happened in this episode?

3) Why is Charlie unhappy in the beginning of this episode?

4) Why is Charlie quitting [verlassen] the rugby team?

5) Why do Tao and Elle run around school?

6) Why does Nick leave the rugby pitch in the middle of the match?

post | Language focus

7) Can you turn the following adjectives into adverbs? And what do the words actually mean?

adjective	adverb	translation of adverb
soft	softly	
honest		
different		
definite		
repeated		
actual		
literal		
final		
real		
near		
recent		
probable		
basic		

PS: These words might help you: *ehrlich, bestimmt, tatsächlich, wortwörtlich, kürzlich, grundsätzlich*

post | Extra

8) Do you have any secrets? Who would be the first person to tell your secret(s)? Discuss with a partner.

9) What do you think will happen in the next season?

10) Imagine Nick wants to tell his dad personally about his relationship with Charlie. When, where and what does he tell him? Imagine their conversation.

Heartstopper | Character files

What do we find out about these characters? Fill in their character profiles.

NAME: **Charles «Charlie» Spring**

WHO ARE YOU:

SCHOOL YEAR:

AGE:

FUN FACT:

NAME: **Nicolas «Nick» Nelson**

WHO ARE YOU:

SCHOOL YEAR:

AGE:

FUN FACT:

NAME: **Tao Xu**

WHO ARE YOU:

SCHOOL YEAR:

AGE:

FUN FACT:

NAME: **Victoria «Tori» Spring**

WHO ARE YOU:

SCHOOL YEAR:

AGE:

FUN FACT:

NAME: **Elle Argent**

WHO ARE YOU:

SCHOOL YEAR:

AGE:

FUN FACT:

NAME: **Tora Jones**

WHO ARE YOU:

SCHOOL YEAR:

AGE:

FUN FACT:

NAME: **Darcy Olsson**

WHO ARE YOU:

SCHOOL YEAR:

AGE:

FUN FACT:

NAME: **Aled Last**

WHO ARE YOU:

SCHOOL YEAR:

AGE:

FUN FACT:

NAME: **Benjamin Hope**

NICKNAME:

WHO ARE YOU:

SCHOOL YEAR:

AGE:

BIRTHDAY :

FUN FACT: