



## Using AI Music for Language learning

At the Goethe-Institut National conference in 2024, we were introduced to the AI platform Suno. Like so many present, it was easy for me to see the immediate usefulness and fun this could provide. Suno is a tool that creates songs in any language and music genre you like, and on any topic you like based on keywords or phrases. You can also write your own lyrics (or use ChatGPT!) and paste them in to create your songs.

In the later stages of Term 4 in 2024, I used Suno in the classroom in a variety of ways with different classes. With year 8 students, I had them write their own lyrics in a document, using as much learnt vocabulary from the year as possible, on any topic/theme they wanted. There was very little editing or checking for correct grammar, this was about them just playing with language and having fun. We then pasted the lyrics into Suno, they chose their genre and generated a couple of versions. Students then chose their favourite version and submitted it to a class competition for voting and bragging rights on Best Song. Some really funny and entertaining songs resulted!

With year 7, I created simple songs utilising the lyric generator within Suno, and asked it to include some of the new vocab from the topic particular prior vocab, just for listening to and enjoying. I downloaded the songs with the lyrics visible so students could sing along. The tunes are simply and catchy, and get stuck in your head — perfect for ongoing repetitive language learning!

In year 10, I used a more academic and targeted approach. We were studying the topic of 'Meine Zukunft' — careers/ jobs and study pathways. Background on the learning — we always start a topic with sentence builders and the EPI method to introduce and learn

new vocabulary. The grammar focus was on use of future and subjunctive, with werden and modals — all of which were revision. Students had approximately 3 weeks of vocab learning prior to these song activities.

The prep was very simple. I used ChatGPT to generate some lyrics based on my specific instructions, which I then pasted into Word and tweaked to ensure it matched the appropriate vocab and grammar that students were learning. Once happy, I created my songs in Suno and used the lyrics document in a few different ways.

1. I asked ChatGPT to turn the lyrics into a gap-fill task, which focussed on gaps for verbs and career names/jobs
2. They listened to identify syllables/ phonics and refresh beginner knowledge
3. We then completed a translation of the lyrics without use of dictionaries

These were all very quick tasks for me to create, between ChatGPT and Suno — less than 10 minutes each, with a very high lesson value. Younger students think it's cool that their teacher has "written" songs, and older students usually think they're cheesy but also fun. ■



Meine Zukunft: <https://suno.com/song/7760935e-89a9-4124-a58a-479b0a8dd684>



ChatGPT: <https://chatgpt.com/>

## Meine Zukunftspläne Gap-Fill Exercise

### Chorus

Meine Zukunft, meine Wahl,  
Ich hab' einen großen Plan.  
Ob ich studiere oder arbeite,  
Ich weiß schon, was ich machen kann.

### Verse 1

Ich will vielleicht \_\_\_\_\_  
oder \_\_\_\_\_ sein,  
\_\_\_\_\_ und \_\_\_\_\_  
— das ist fein.  
\_\_\_\_\_ brauche ich auch,  
Das gehört zu meinem \_\_\_\_\_.

### Chorus

### Verse 2

Wenn ich \_\_\_\_\_ oder  
\_\_\_\_\_ werd',  
Dann brauch' ich \_\_\_\_\_  
und \_\_\_\_\_ sehr.  
\_\_\_\_\_, \_\_\_\_\_ sind für  
mich wichtig,  
Damit alles \_\_\_\_\_ richtig!

### Chorus

### Verse 3

Ich träume von \_\_\_\_\_,  
will \_\_\_\_\_ sein,  
\_\_\_\_\_ und \_\_\_\_\_  
find' ich fein.  
Vielleicht studiere ich \_\_\_\_\_,  
Oder werde \_\_\_\_\_, das steht  
mir nur!

### Bridge

Warum das alles?  
Was treibt mich \_\_\_\_\_?  
Ich will etwas \_\_\_\_\_,  
so viel ich kann.  
Meine \_\_\_\_\_ und  
meine \_\_\_\_\_,  
Führen mich nach vorn mit  
ganz viel \_\_\_\_\_!

### Chorus

## ChatGPT for Language Teachers

The ultimate Prompt Handbook  
for AI Productivity — David Weller.  
Download the advice for free.



<https://drive.google.com/file/d/1pRvhHk-kOzAbRkiSEcfIJlbiOLVURFq/view>

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