

## GRAMMAR B1 EINHEIT 8

No overarching point of grammar is introduced in this unit. You simply learn how to work with a few words or expressions.

The first of these is *nicht nur...sondern auch* which means 'not only... but also'. First you need to understand the use of *sondern*. *Sondern* means 'but' in the sense of 'rather' or 'on the contrary'. *Sondern* is used after a negative first clause. *Wir gehen nicht ins Kino sondern ins Schwimmbad*. If 'rather' or 'on the contrary' can be substituted for 'but' use *sondern*. *Sondern auch* is a logical extension of this. If you have a negative plus *nur* use *sondern auch*. *Wir gehen nicht nur ins Kino sondern auch ins Schwimmbad*.

*Deswegen, daher, darum, and deshalb* all express a reason or reasons for doing something or for something happening and are translated as 'therefore' or 'that's why'. Whether they introduce a sentence or a clause they are followed by the verb. *Er hat sich immer für Technik interessiert, deshalb/daher/darum/deswegen ist er Ingenieur geworden*.

The verb *lassen* is used when you want to express the idea of having something done. *Wir lassen uns ein Haus bauen. Ich lasse mich von Freunden vom Bahnhof abholen*.

You may also use a modal plus *lassen* to express the same the need to have something done. *Ich muss mir noch die Haare schneiden lassen*.

Although the above represents all the new grammar introduced in this unit, I want to make you aware of another use of *lassen*.

*Lassen* also means 'to let' or 'allow'. *Meine Mutter lässt mich mit Hans ins Kino gehen*.