



Discovering images ...

- *Wimmelbilder* and *Wimmelbücher*, which literally means “images/books swarming with details”, are quite popular in German speaking contexts – but you don’t need to be able to speak or understand German in order to “read” the images, as they ‘speak’ for themselves.
- Young children adore *Wimmelbilder* and they’ll never get tired of them – every time they look at them, they’ll see and find new details.

What you need:

- The website <https://www.koelln.de/wissen-fun/wimmelbilder/> offers *Wimmelbilder* on different topics (at the zoo, in the city, at the circus, at the train station etc.).
- The website www.ide-a.de/ offers funny images on different topics: *At school* (http://www.ide-a.de/wimmel_schule_gross.jpg); *Playing football* (http://www.ide-a.de/wimmelbild_fussball_gross.jpg) etc.
- The German Illustrator Carmen Hochmann offers pictures on different topics on her website <http://www.carmen-hochmann.de/Wimmelbuecher/Wimmel.html>.

What to do:

- Take your time to discover a picture, together with your children. Let them speak and listen to them: What attracts them? What fascinates them? How do they describe what they see? Etc.
- Ask questions and let your children ask questions: *Do you see...the boy with the red pullover? ...the dog that barks?* etc.
- Discover an image by categories (colours, animals, people etc.): *Look for something red! Try and find all the dogs!* Etc.
- Who is the first to discover..the striped cat? ...the green apple? etc.



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Some more ideas:

A selection of books (*Wimmelbücher*):

- *Where’s Wally? Où est Charlie? Wo ist Walter?* by Martin Handford
English version: <https://www.walkerbooks.com.au/Kids-corner/Wheres-Wally>
French version: <https://www.lisez.com/?q=o%C3%B9+est+charlie&neuf=1&s=>
German version: https://www.fischerverlage.de/buch/martin_handford_wo_ist_walter/9783737360210
- The books of Ali Mitgutsch: <https://www.ravensburger.de/start/ali-mitgutsch-bei-ravensburger/index.html>
- The books of Richard Scarry: <https://www.penguinrandomhouse.com/search/richard-scarry?page=2&q=richard%20scarry>