

1. Germany is a country located in Central Europe.
2. Between the late 10th and early 19th centuries the territories of today's Germany were bthe heart of the Holy Roman Empire
3. While Berlin is Germany's capital and its most populous city the country also has several economic and political centers.
4. Germany's location in the heart of the North European Plain has led to constant conflicts with its neighbors.
5. After World War II Germany was divided into East Germany in the Soviet orbit and West Germany integrated into the European Economic Community.
6. The country achieved reunification in 1990.
7. It seeks to maintain the political alliance with France.
8. Berlin's efforts to keep the EU integrated amidst the current economic crisis are in line with this strategy.