

DIGITALE BILDUNG & COMPUTATIONAL THINKING

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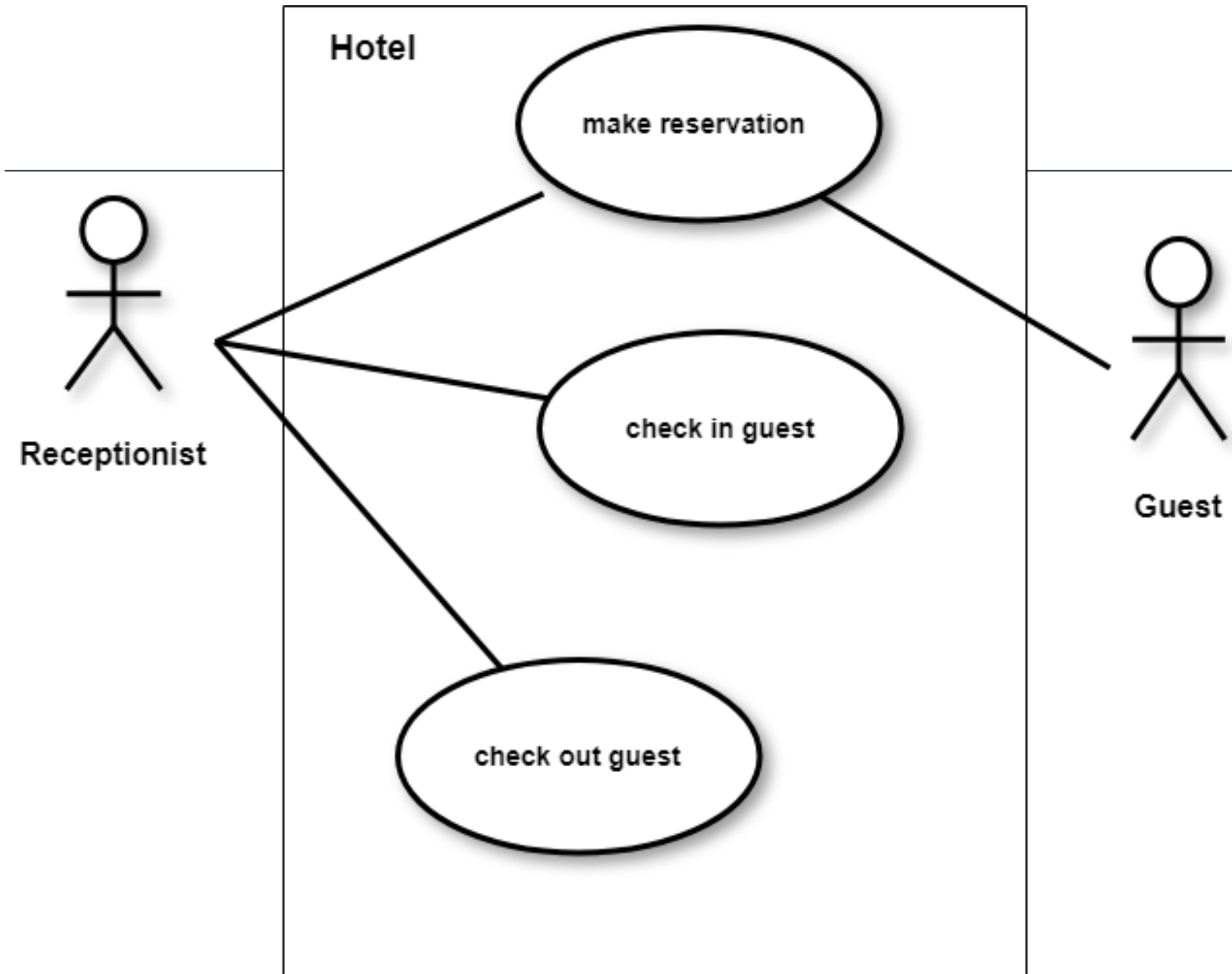
LVA-Überblick

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- Digitale Grundbildung =
LA-Curriculum & Pflichtlehrplan Sekundarstufe I
- Computational Thinking =
Problemlöseprozess und -methode
- Modellierung = Computational Thinking + Lernstrategie
„Muttersprache“ der Informatik als Tool für alle Fächer
- Computational Thinking & Digitale Bildung in der Praxis

- Organisation

- 3 (oder mehr) gemeinsame Präsenztermine
- Beratungs- bzw. Besprechungstermine für Teams
- Praktische Umsetzung der Inhalte



Definitions

- Computational Thinking =
 - „Problem solving process“ [5]
 - „[...] the use of **computer science concepts to solve a problem in any domain**“ [6]
 - “[...] the goal of computational thinking is to solve problems” [7]
- Modeling =
 - Building models, **abstract description** of a real or planned system [8],
 - **reduced and simplified representation** of real world, containing only **essential information** or elements

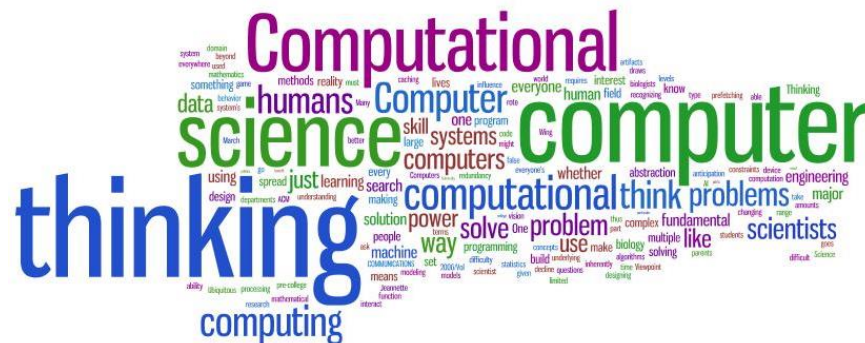
Computational Thinking

- Sammelbegriff für
 - Grundkonzepte
 - Werkzeuge
 - Methoden der Informatik (Wing, 2006)
- Begriff von Seymour Papert (1980)
- [...] „the way that **computer scientists think**, the manner in which they **reason**“ (Riley & Hunt, 2014)

Definitionen

Jeannette Wing (2006)

- „[...] a **fundamental skill** for everyone“
- “[...] just like reading, writing, and arithmetic“
- „[...] the use of computer science concepts to **solve a problem in any domain**“
(Wing, 2006)



CT = Problemlöseprozess



umfasst u.a.

- Probleme
 - analysieren
 - formulieren
- Daten
 - logisch organisieren
 - abstrahieren
 - modellieren
- Lösungen
 - algorithmisieren
 - automatisieren
- Problemlöseprozess
 - generalisieren
 - übertragen
(Tucker et al., 2011)

Computational Thinking

- „[...] is about **solving problems for people**.
 - You have to **understand the problem** you are solving from **their** point of view, before you
 - **dream up solutions**. Otherwise your great technical solution could be useless.
- ⇒ To be a **great computer scientist**, you have to **understand people**.“
(Curzon, 2013)

Dimensionen von CT



- **Umgang mit Komplexität**
- **Ausdauer** bei Bearbeitung schwieriger Probleme
- **Ambiguitätstoleranz**
- Fähigkeit mit offenen **Problemen umzugehen**
- **Kommunikations- und Teamfähigkeit**
(Gander et al., 2013)

→ Soft Skills für viele Bereiche

Lehrplan – Digitale Grundbildung

- Gesellschaftliche Aspekte von Medienwandel und Digitalisierung
- Informations-, Daten- und Medienkompetenz
- Betriebssysteme und Standard-Anwendungen
- Mediengestaltung
- Digitale Kommunikation und Social Media
- Sicherheit
- **Technische Problemlösung**
- **Computational Thinking**

Technische Problemlösung

Technische Bedürfnisse und entsprechende Möglichkeiten identifizieren:

- Schülerinnen und Schüler
 - kennen die Bestandteile und Funktionsweise eines Computers und eines Netzwerks,
 - kennen gängige proprietäre und offene Anwendungsprogramme und zugehörige Dateitypen.

Digitale Geräte nutzen:

- Schülerinnen und Schüler
 - schließen die wichtigsten Komponenten eines Computers richtig zusammen und identifizieren Verbindungsfehler,
 - verbinden digitale Geräte mit einem Netzwerk und tauschen Daten zwischen verschiedenen elektronischen Geräten aus.

Technische Probleme lösen:

- Schülerinnen und Schüler
 - erkennen technische Probleme in der Nutzung von digitalen Geräten und melden eine konkrete Beschreibung des Fehlers an die richtigen Stellen.

Computational Thinking

Mit Algorithmen arbeiten:

- Schülerinnen und Schüler
 - nennen und beschreiben Abläufe aus dem Alltag,
 - verwenden, erstellen und reflektieren Codierungen (z. B. Geheimschrift, QR-Code),
 - vollziehen eindeutige Handlungsanleitungen (Algorithmen) nach und führen diese aus,
 - formulieren eindeutige Handlungsanleitungen (Algorithmen) verbal und schriftlich.

Kreative Nutzung von Programmiersprachen:

- Schülerinnen und Schüler
 - erstellen einfache Programme oder Webanwendungen mit geeigneten Tools, um ein bestimmtes Problem zu lösen oder eine bestimmte Aufgabe zu erfüllen,
 - kennen unterschiedliche Programmiersprachen und Produktionsabläufe.

Why?

- Austrian Curricula
 - Secondary school curriculum
 - “Basic Digital Education” incl. **computational thinking** [1]
 - Primary school curriculum
 - Capacity of **abstraction** by using **diagrams** or **symbols**
 - Basic cognitive processes like comparing, **sorting, classification, abstraction, generalization** etc. [2].
 - CT and modeling involve these thinking processes!
- International Research
 - Informatics didactics - Approach „Models first“ in CS education
 - Modeling determines way of thinking in problem solving
 - **Modeling = „mother tongue of problem solving“** [3]
 - Neurodidactics
 - Modeling effective learning strategy (concept maps [4])
- Personal Teaching Experiences
 - Computer science
 - Foreign languages

Lehrplan Primarstufe - Informatik

Lehrplan Primarstufe	Informatikkonzept
Nachschlagewerke, Sachbücher, Informationen auswerten, Bilder/Textteile ordnen, Gegenstände ordnen	Suchen & Sortieren
Spielregeln, Anleitungen, Kochrezepte, Aufgabenpläne, Bildfolgen, Textteile ordnen	Algorithmen
Anleitungen, Wegbeschreibung, Tanzschritte	Programmieren
Textverständnis, Sätze verknüpfen, Konjunktionen, Verneinung	Aussagelogik & Schaltungen
Oberbegriffe und Gemeinsamkeiten finden, Wortarten unterscheiden, Aufgabenplan, Beziehungen, Zeichnen, Bauen, Ablaufpläne, Klassifizieren	Modellierung
Ordnen von Informationen, Wortarten, Beziehungen, einfache Formulare, Tabellen, Listen, Verzeichnisse, Bibliothek ordnen	Datenbanken
Stammbaum, Darstellung von Informationen, Bilder und Grafiken	Datentypen & -strukturen
Informatikberufe, Hardware (Umgang mit technischen Geräten), Datensicherheit (Gefahren von Medien)	Technik und Gesellschaft
Verkehrszeichen, -ampel, Geheimsprache	Codierung & Verschlüsselung
Muster nachbauen, -zeichnen (Klassen-Objekte), Gemeinsamkeiten, Oberbegriffe (Vererbung), Klassifizieren	Objektorientierung



COMPUTATIONAL THINKING

PROBLEM SOLVING

CT = Problem-Solving Process

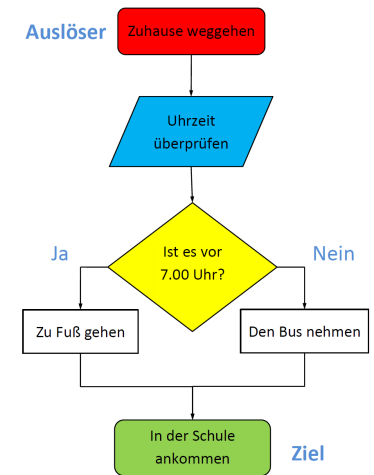
That includes (but is not limited to)

- **Formulating problems** in a way that enables us to use a computer and other tools to help solve them
- **Logically organizing** and **analyzing** data
- **Representing** data through **abstractions** such as **models** and **simulations**
- Automating solutions through **algorithmic thinking** (a **series of ordered steps**)
- **Identifying, analyzing, and implementing** possible **solutions** with the goal of achieving the most efficient and effective combination of steps and resources
- **Generalizing** and **transferring** this problem-solving process to a wide variety of problems [5]

4 Stages of CT

- **Decomposition**
break down a problem into subproblems
- **Pattern recognition**
notice similarities, differences, properties, or trends in data
- **Pattern generalization**
extract unnecessary details and generalize those that are necessary in order to define a concept or idea in general terms
- **Algorithm design**
build a repeatable, step-by-step process to solve a particular problem [9]

MODELING



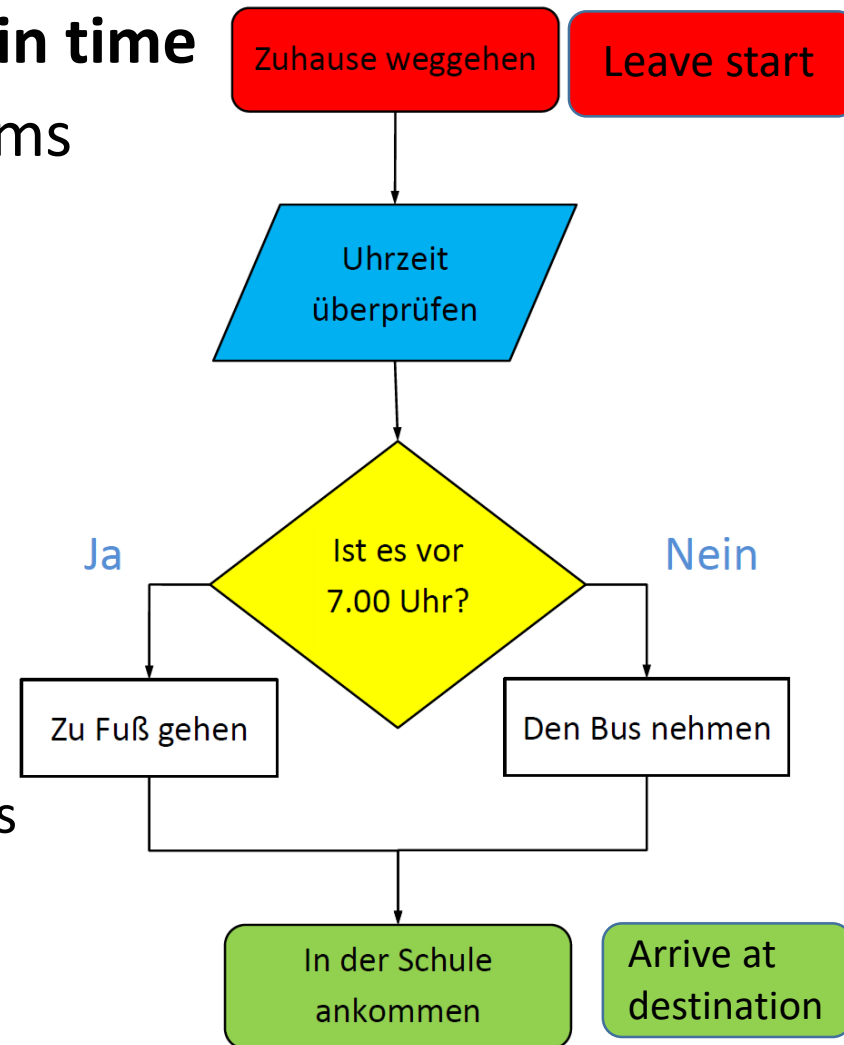
1. FOSTERING COMPUTATIONAL THINKING

2. BRAIN-BASED LEARNING STRATEGY FOR DIFFERENT SUBJECTS

Computational Thinking

Problem: Arriving at school in time

- Decomposition: subproblems
 - Leave
 - Check time
 - Decide
 - Go (by foot or bus)
 - Arrive
- Pattern recognition
 - Always the same
- Pattern generalization
 - Essential + general elements
- Algorithm design
 - Step-by-step solution



Modeling supports

- Problem solving
 - Analyzing problems
 - Breaking down in smaller problems
 - Finding solutions for small problems
 - Combining parts to complete solution
- Text comprehension & production
 - Recognizing and extracting essential information
 - Summarizing texts
 - Understanding the “big picture” and relationships
 - Creative writing and storytelling
- Knowledge acquisition & representation
 - Structuring
 - Categorizing
 - Abstraction
 - Generalization
 - Visualization
- Etc.

Modeling = Learning Strategy

- **Modeling in general**

- Concept maps and other **visualization** techniques

-> Supports the learning process in the human brain [10]

- Benefit of **priming effect** – implicit memory effect:

an appropriate unconscious stimulus influences (positively) the memorizing of the following input

- **Advanced organizers** (brain needs structure!)

-> Especially effective for children with learning difficulties [4]

- **Modeling with diagrams from computer science**

- Same benefits – more possibilities

- Numerous diagram types

- More different learning purposes and situations

- Teaching **computational thinking & digital literacy**

-> demanded in curriculum & as 21st century skills



HOW?

CT & MODELING IN PRACTICE

Connecting CT to Everyday Life

Example: Activities of Primary School

- Organizing, searching, sorting pictures & objects

⇒ **Searching & Sorting**

- Traffic signs & secret languages

⇒ **Encoding & Encryption**

- Finding generic terms & similarities

⇒ **Abstraction & Generalization**

- Describing the way & step-by-step instructions

⇒ **Algorithms & Modeling**

Kleid mit schrägem Schluss.

Dress with diagonal finish.

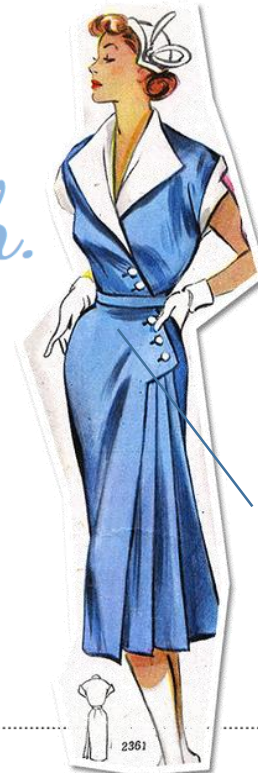
Erforderlich: etwa 3,50 m Stoff, 90 cm breit;
0,80 m Stoff, 90 cm breit für Garnitur










You'll need about 3,50 m fabric (90 cm wide);
0,80 m fabric (90 cm wide) for trimming

Programming:
Declaration of
variables

Encoding

Modeling



Farbe/Colour	Nr.	Bezeichnung	
	230	Vorderteil	Front part
	231	Rückenteil	Back part
	232	Garnitur, 4mal zuschneiden	Trimming, cut 4 times!!
	233	Ärmelaufschlag	sleeve cuffs
	234	Linke vord. Rockbahn	left front skirt panel
	235	Faltenteil zum Rock	pleat's piece
	236	Rechte vordere Rockbahn	right front skirt panel
	237	Innenbekleidung zum Rock	Inner lining of the skirt
	238	Rückwärtige Rockbahn	Back skirt panel
no line	239	Gürtel, 95 cm lang, 3 cm breit	Belt, 95 cm long, 3 cm wide

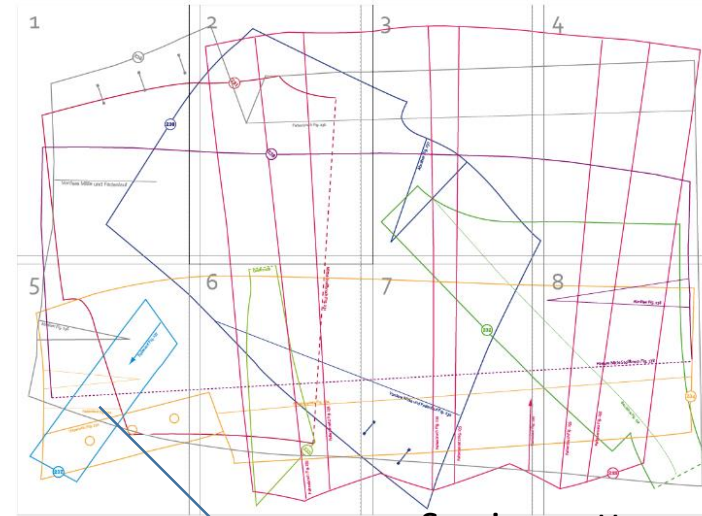
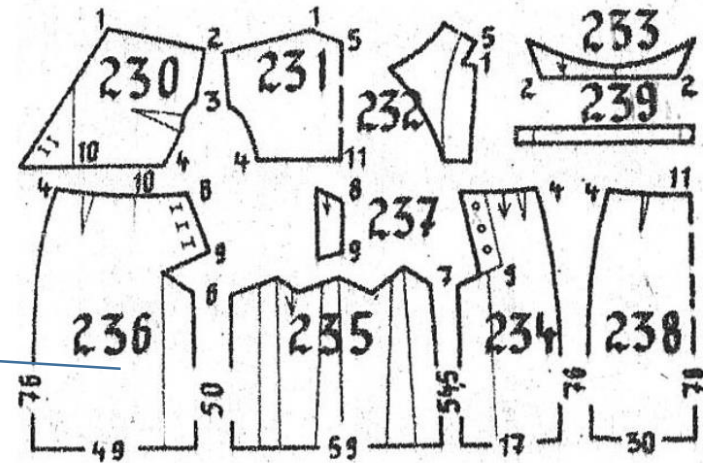


Abnäher, Seiten- und Schulternähte schließen. Rechten Vorderteil bei den Knopflöchern verstürzen. Ärmel in den gedoppelten Stoff des Aufschlages fassen. K... in den für sich versäuber... en. Die beiden vorderen F... len Faltenteil verbinden. ... bei den Knopflöchern, linke Bahn am Knopfrand verstürzen. Falten einheften und die rechte Rockbahn schmalkantig aufsteppen. Abnäher und Seitennähte schließen. Rock an die Taille nähen. Der linke Vorderteil wird nur bis zum Knopfrand der linken Vorderbahn angenäht. Der lose hängende Teil wird innen mit einem Druckknopf befestigt. Gürtel doppeln, mit Knopfschluss versehen

Algorithms Sequencing

Algorithms

Close darts, side and ... over the right front part at the buttonholes. Sew the sleeves into doubled fabric of the cuffs. Double the collar and sew into the serged neckline. Turn over both the front skirt pieces at the buttonholes as well as the left skirt piece. Crimp all the pleats into place and place the right skirt piece on the pleat's piece allowing only a very narrow lap. Close darts and side seams. Sew the skirt onto waistline. The left front part is only sewn til the button ridge of the left front panel. The loose part is fastened with a press-stud in the inner part of the dress. Double belt and close the belt with a press-stud too.



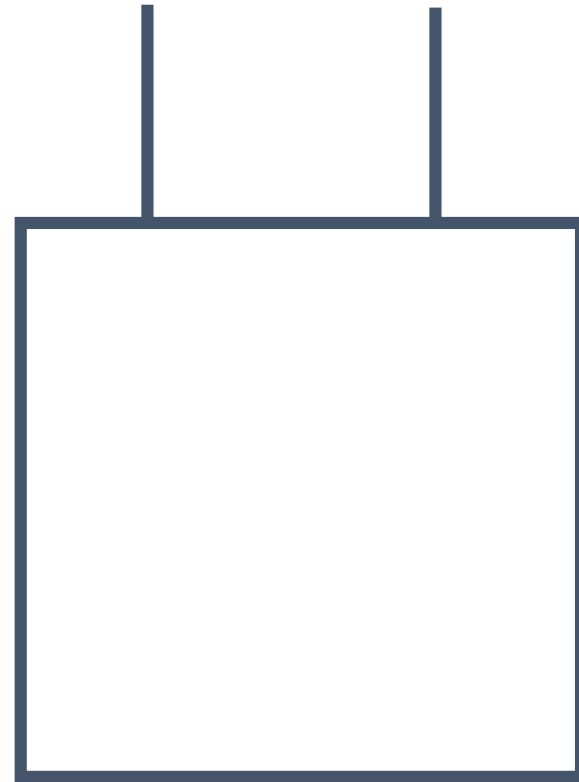
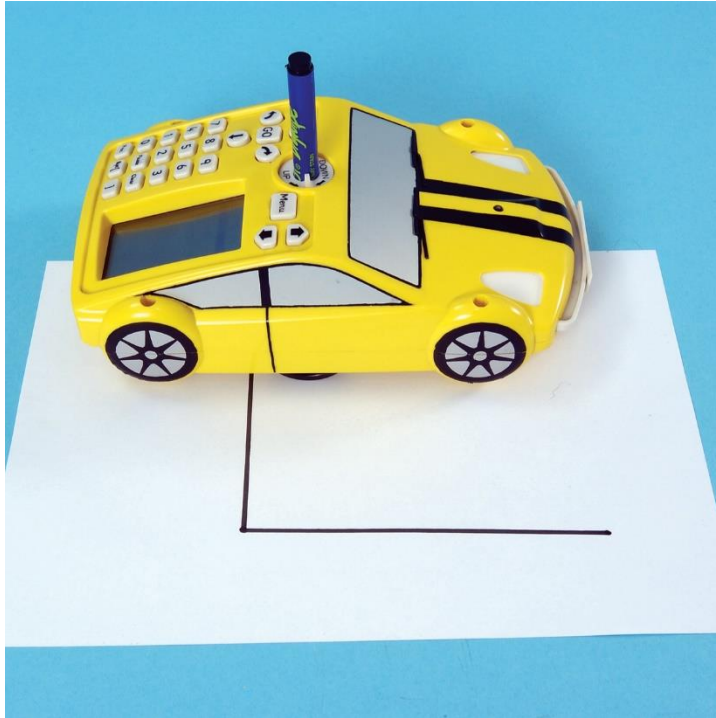
Sewing patterns

Modeling Encoding

A pattern by neu4bauer.blogspot.com



Designing & Modeling a Shirt



Research Focus: Modeling

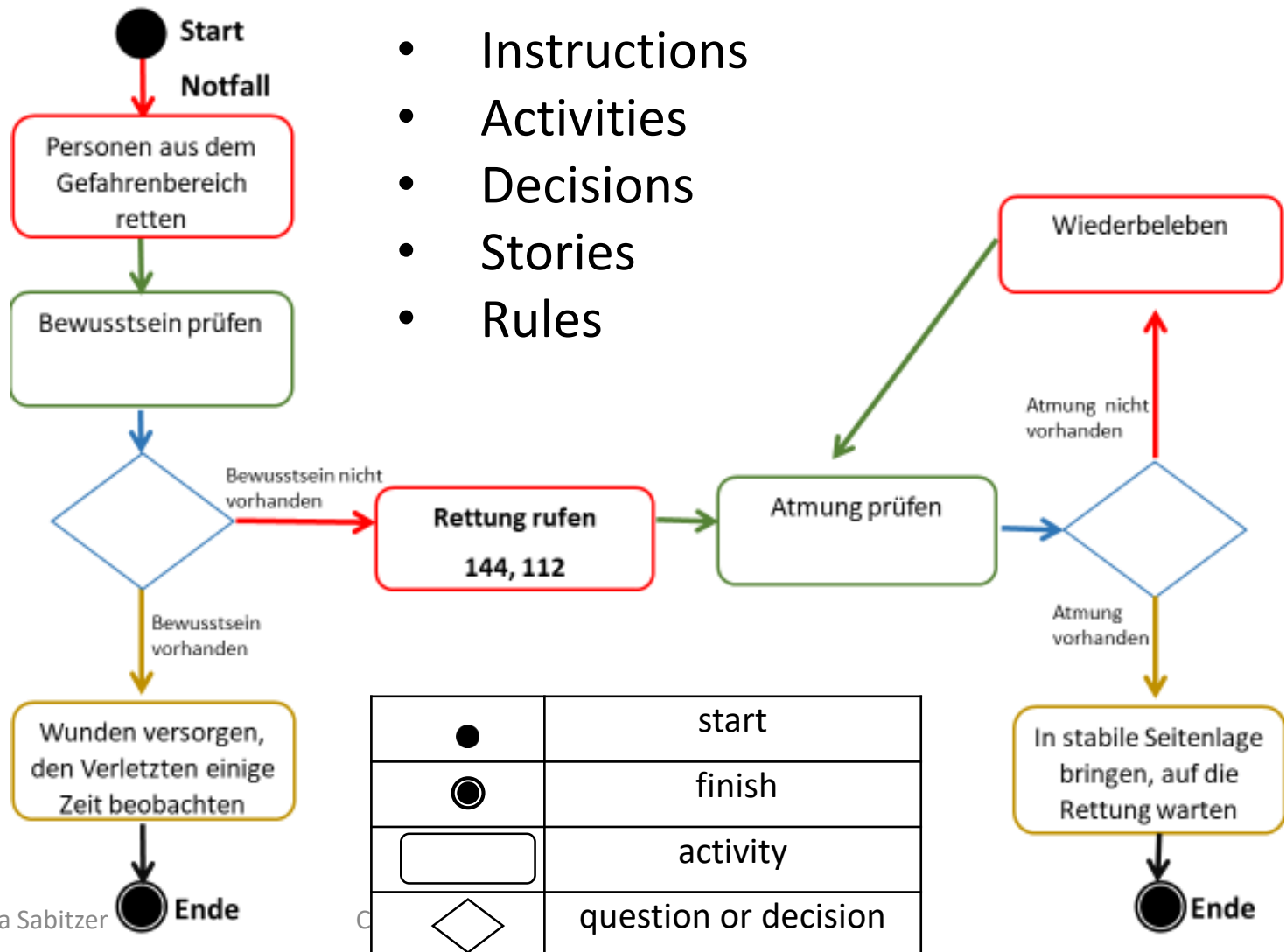
1. **How** and **where** can we **introduce modeling** in primary and secondary education?
2. Which **modeling techniques** are **useful** and practicable for teachers and students **without informatics background**?
3. Which dimensions and aspects of the modeling process are or shall be **part of general education**?
4. Is it possible to **improve general learning competencies** like abstraction, problem solving, text comprehension etc. by a frequent and varied use of modeling in primary and secondary education?

Modeling across the Subjects – Projects Overview

Project	Students (School)
Informatics Summer Lab (2014)	77 (6 - 17 years)
Informatics - A Child's Play?! (Sparkling Science, 2014-2018)	150 (primary, secondary)
Modeling in English language teaching (Diploma thesis, 2015)	141 (lower secondary)
Game design in English as foreign language (Case study, 2016)	19 (higher secondary)
Modeling at school (EU project application, pilot phase, 2018)	57 (secondary)
Participants (total)	444

WHICH MODELS IN WHICH CONTEXT?

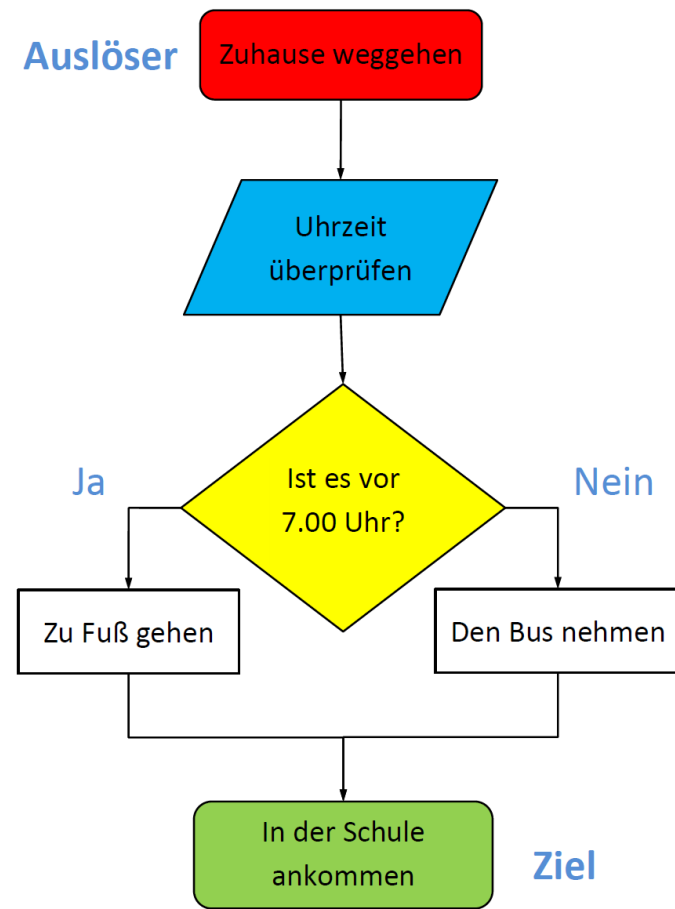
Activity Diagrams



- Instructions
- Activities
- Decisions
- Stories
- Rules

Modeling Processes: Flow Chart

- Leave home
- Check time
- Is it before 7 am?
 - Yes: walk
 - No: take the bus
- Arrive at school
- Useful for
 - Processes
 - Rules
 - Instructions



Class & Object Diagrams

- Vocabulary
- Characteristics
- Word classes
- Categories
- Hierarchies
- Abstractions

Tier	Animal
Größe; Lebensraum; Tierart;	Size; Habitat; Species;
Essen(); Fortbewegen(); Schlafen();	Eat(); Move(); Sleep();

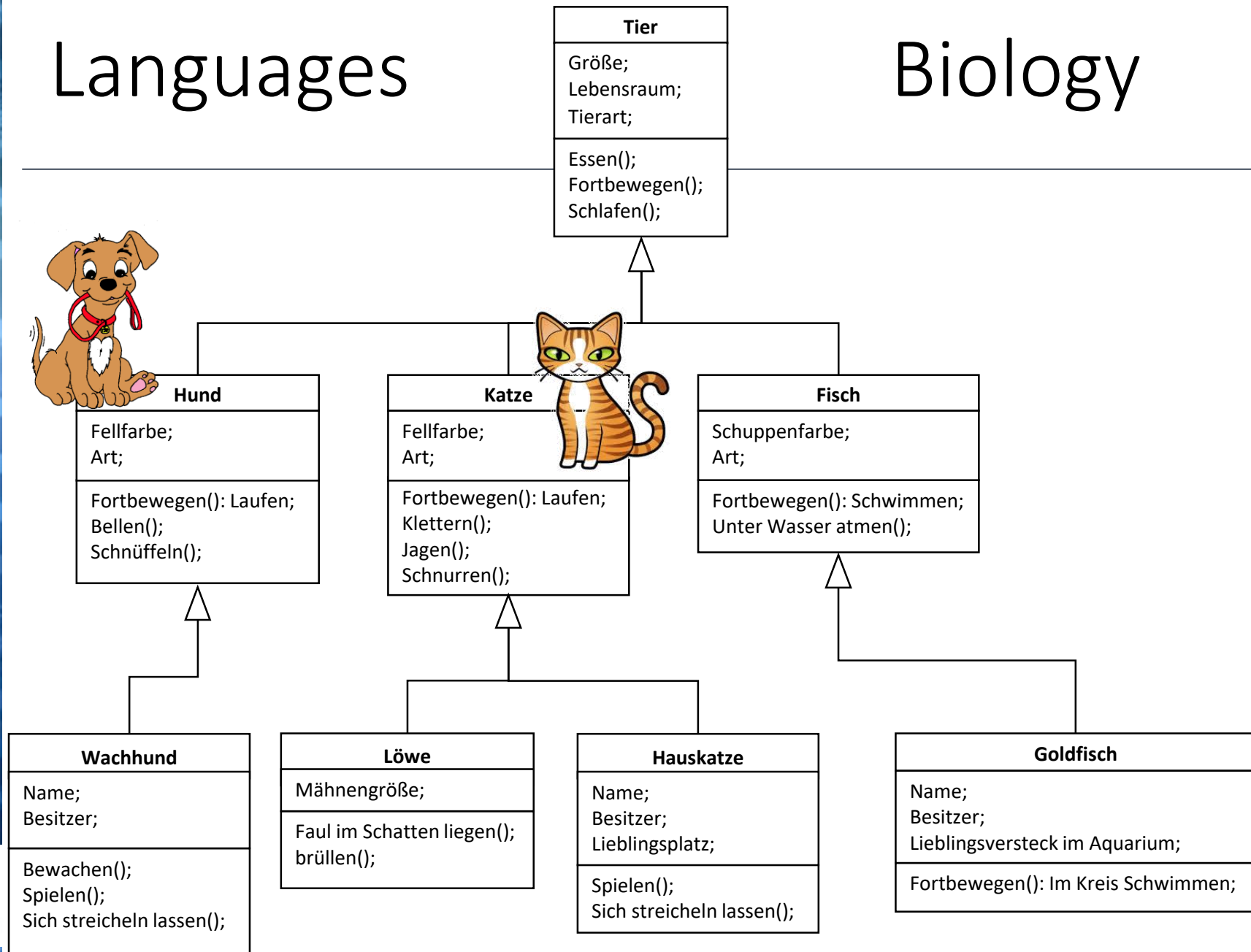
Class = Noun

Attributes = Adjectives,
Characteristics

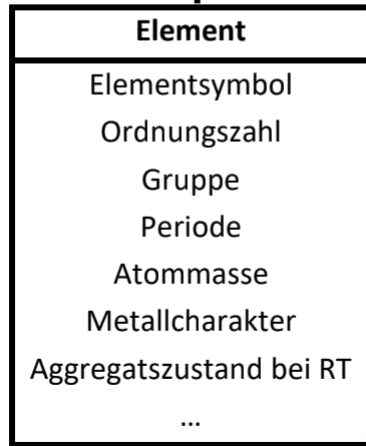
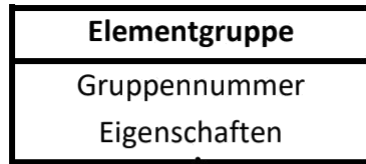
Methods = Verbs

Languages

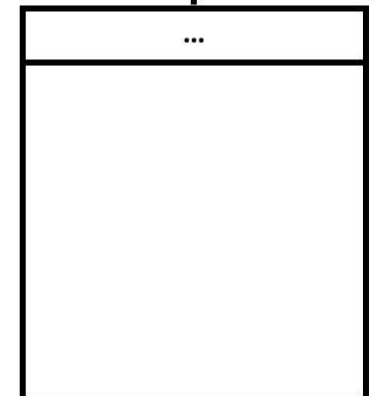
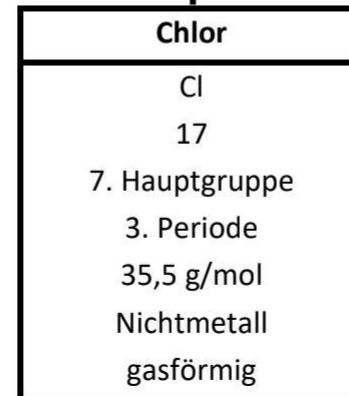
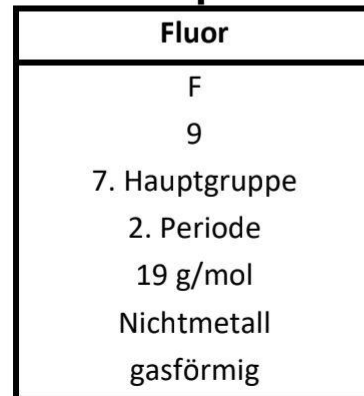
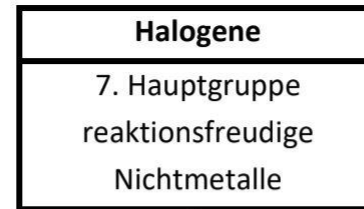
Biology



Chemistry

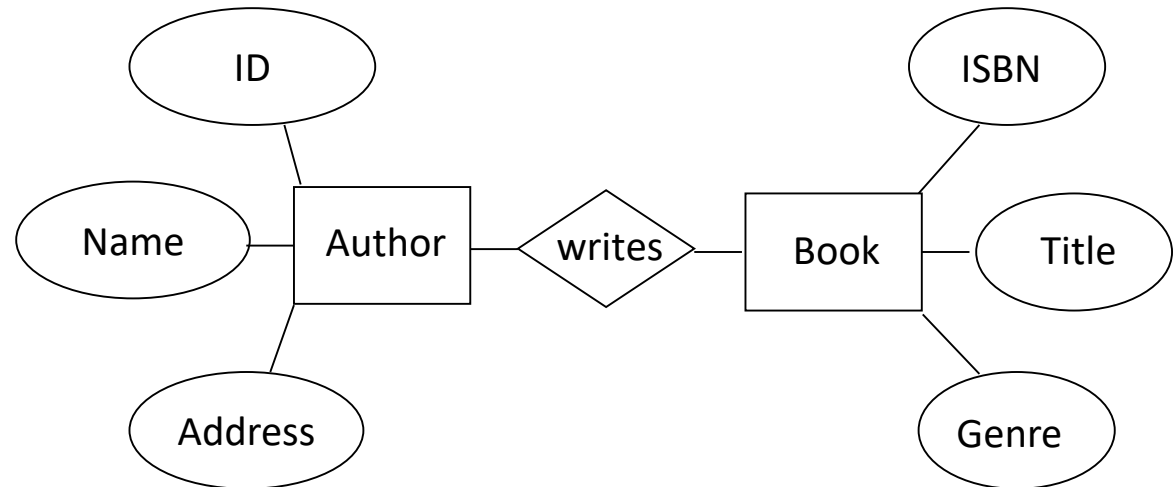





- Class & Object diagrams
- Classifying elements



Entity Relationship-Diagram

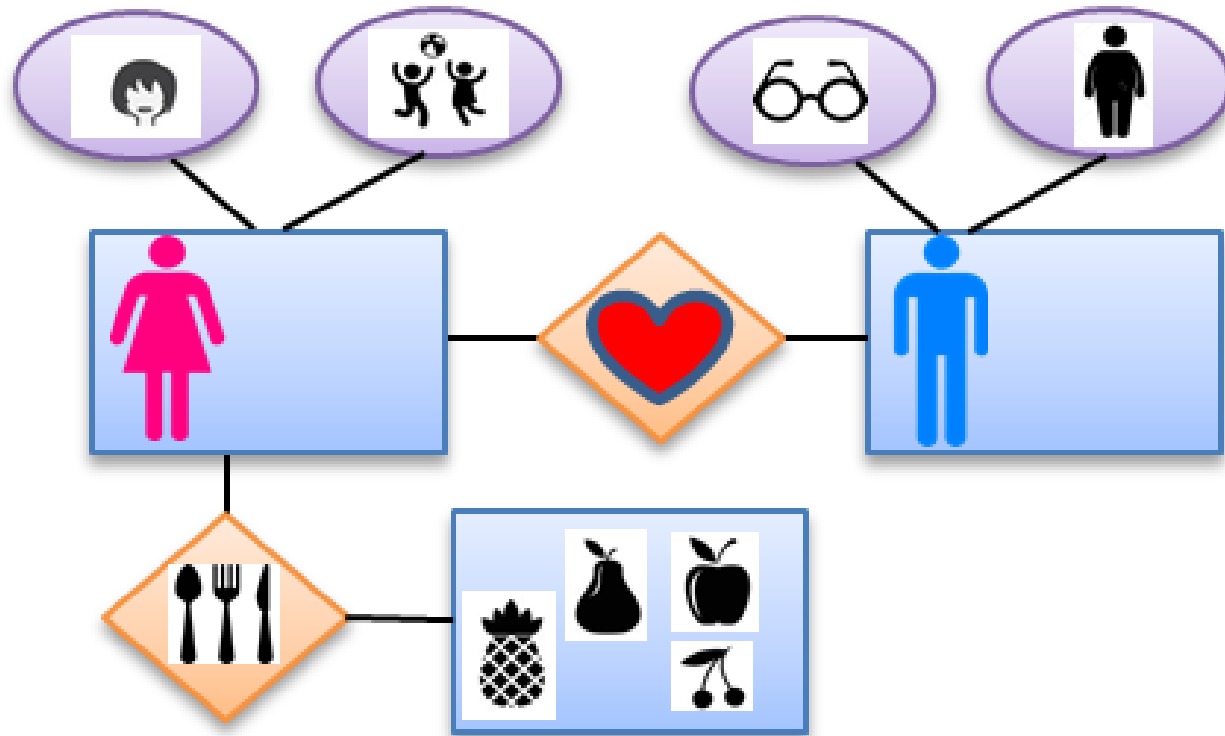
- Brainstorming
- Writing
- Summarizing
- Relations
- Vocabulary
- ...



Form and color	Computational expression / meaning / function	Used in the English foreign language as...
Rectangle: blue 	Entity	Nouns
Rhombus: green 	Relationship	Verbs
Ellipsis: yellow 	Attributes	Attributes, such as adjectives, adverbs, and so on.

Notation of ER-diagrams in English as foreign language [13]

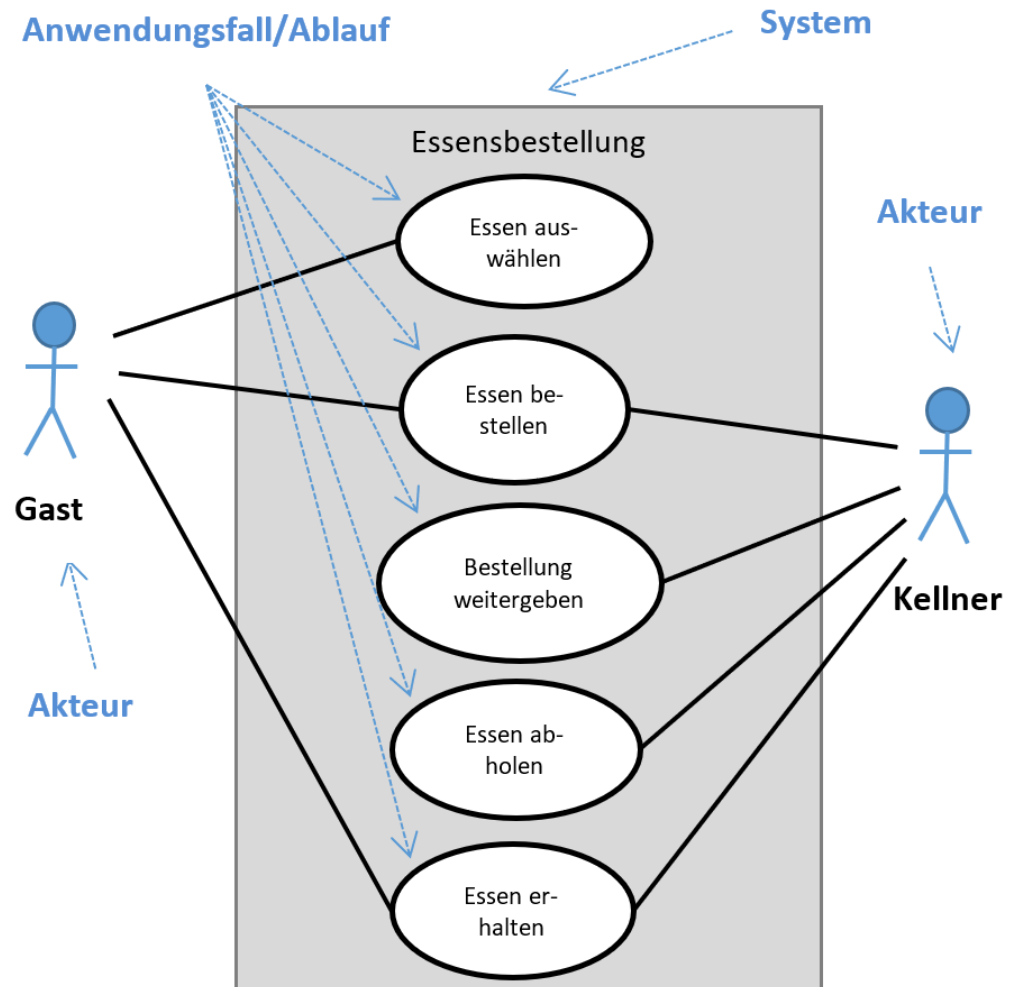
Tell a story!



Sample ER-diagram “Tell a story!” used in a unit for kindergarten [14]

Use case diagrams

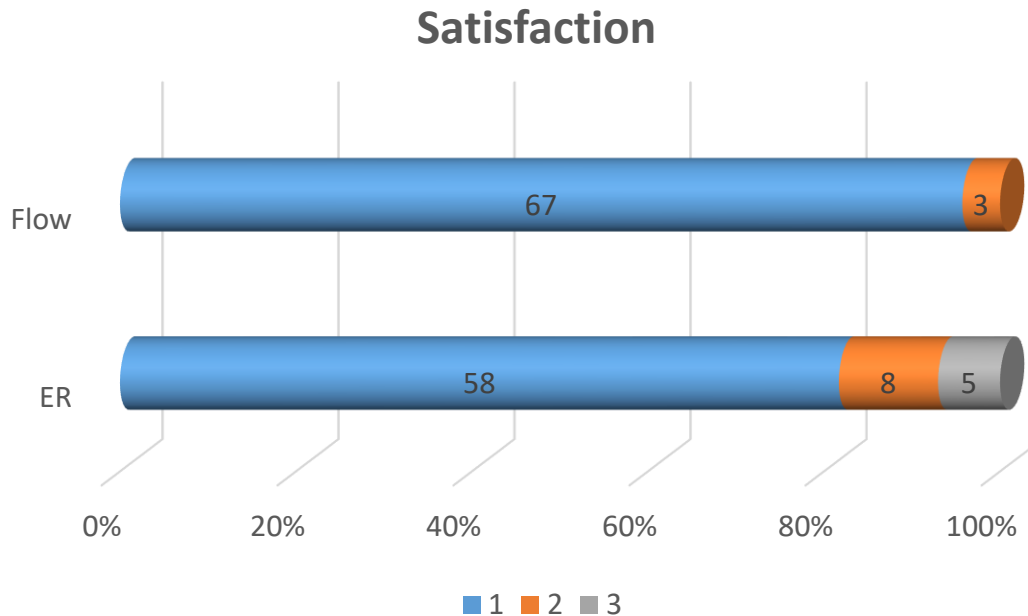
- Situations
- Events
- Actors
- Activities
- Theater
- Film plot
- ...



Results: Acceptance

- Acceptance
(interviews, observation, discussion, questionnaires)
 - **Useful** tool in different subjects for
 - Representing and structuring information and knowledge
 - Preparation of presentations (cheat sheets)
 - Can foster **creativity**
 - Helps to **extract** important information
 - Fun
 - **Generalization** is difficult (for teachers and students)
 - Why not mindmaps? [13]

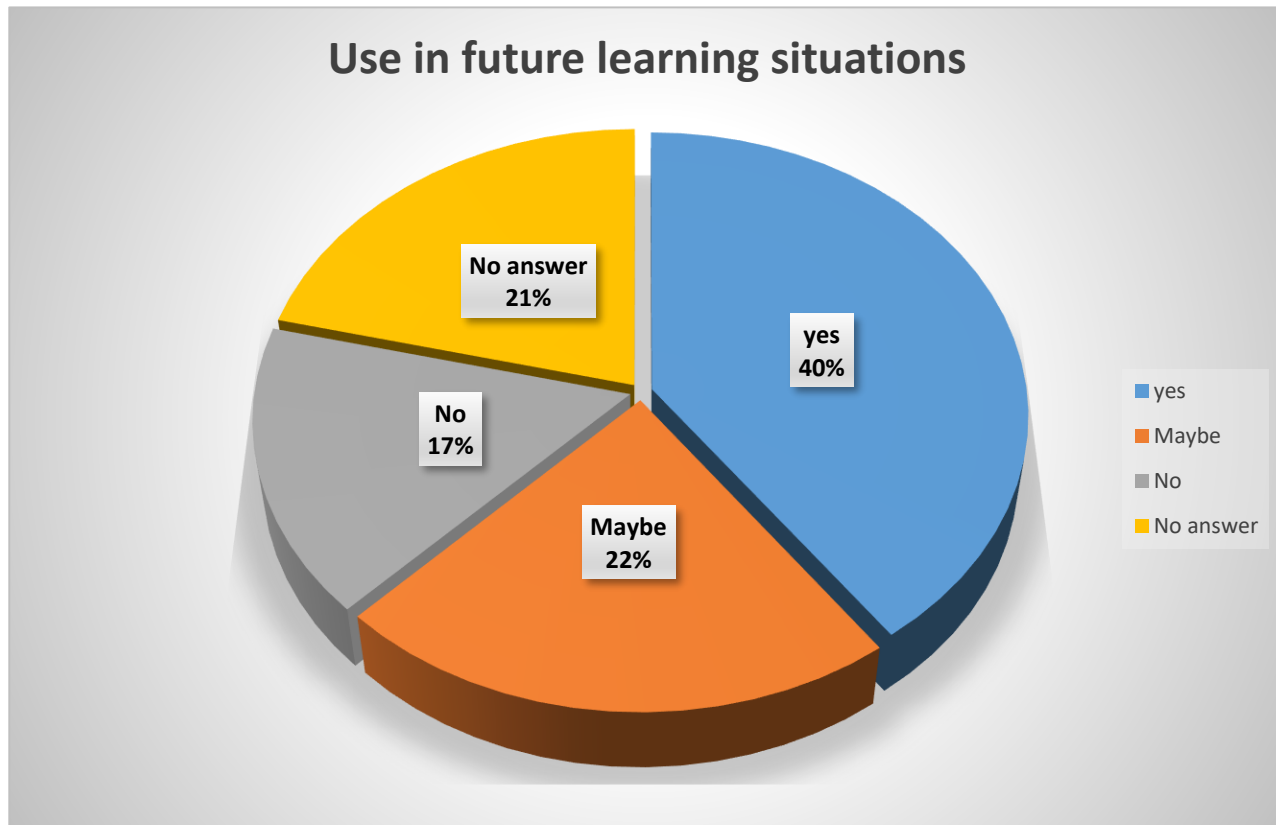
Acceptance



Satisfaction Flow charts & ER-diagrams in
English as foreign language
(1 very high – 3 low)

$$N_{\text{Flow}} = 71, N_{\text{ER}} = 70 [15]$$

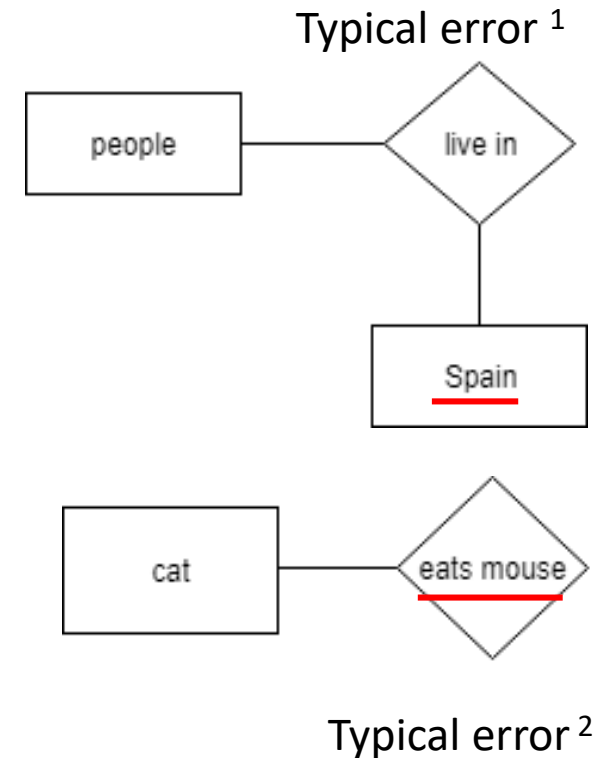
Practicability & Usability



N = 85 (grades 5-8) Modeling in English as foreign language [15]

Results: Comprehension

- Teacher & student opinion
 - [Easy to understand](#)
 - Difficult to apply
 - Uncertainty concerning CS criteria
- Problems and Challenges
 - [Abstraction difficult](#)¹
 - Relation and entity in one shape²
 - Incorrect or missing attributes



Modeling Priorities & Criteria

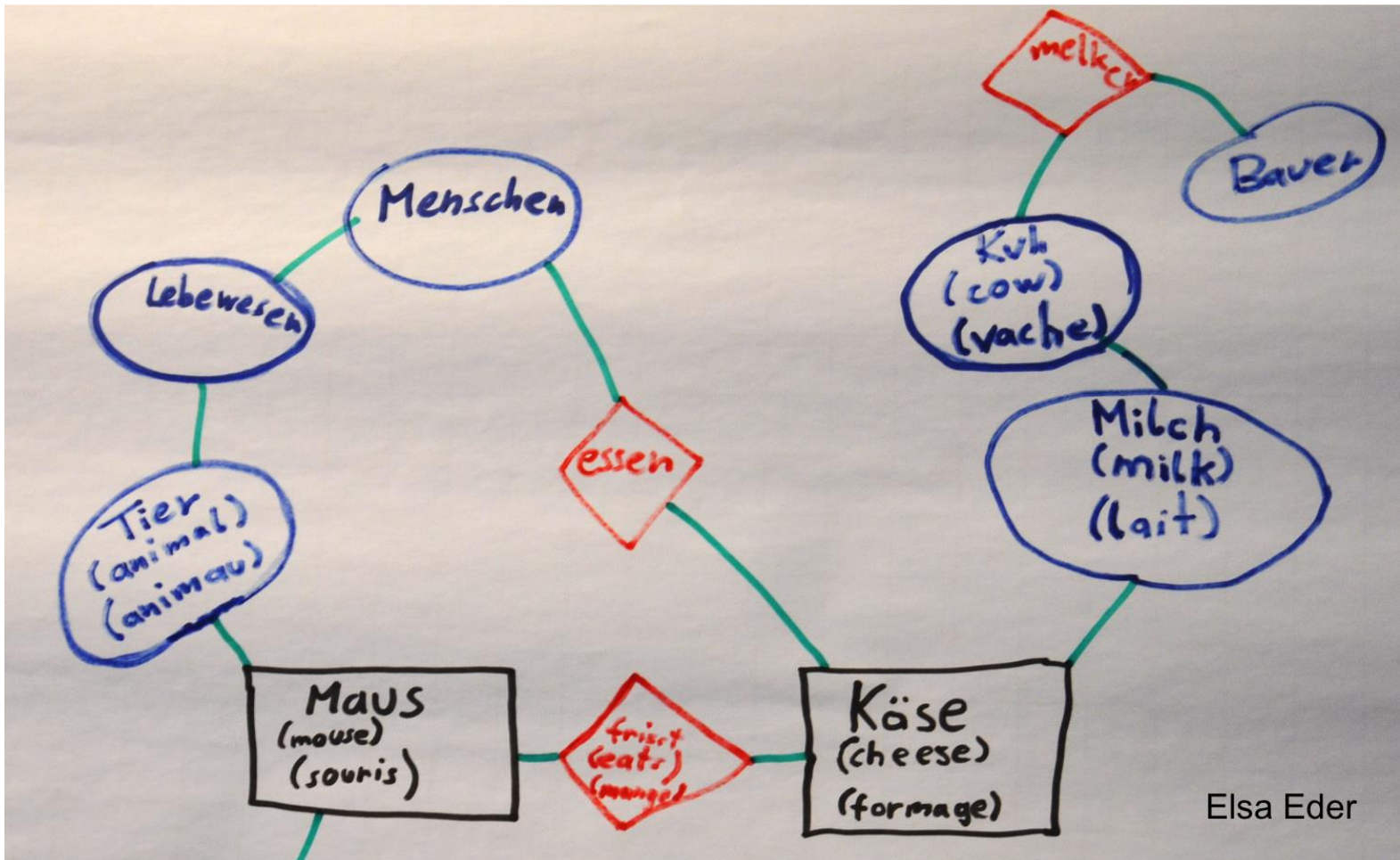
Teaching CT or CS

- Adequate use of
 - diagrams
 - shapes
 - relations
- Abstractions
- Branches
- Attributes
- Logical

Learning strategy

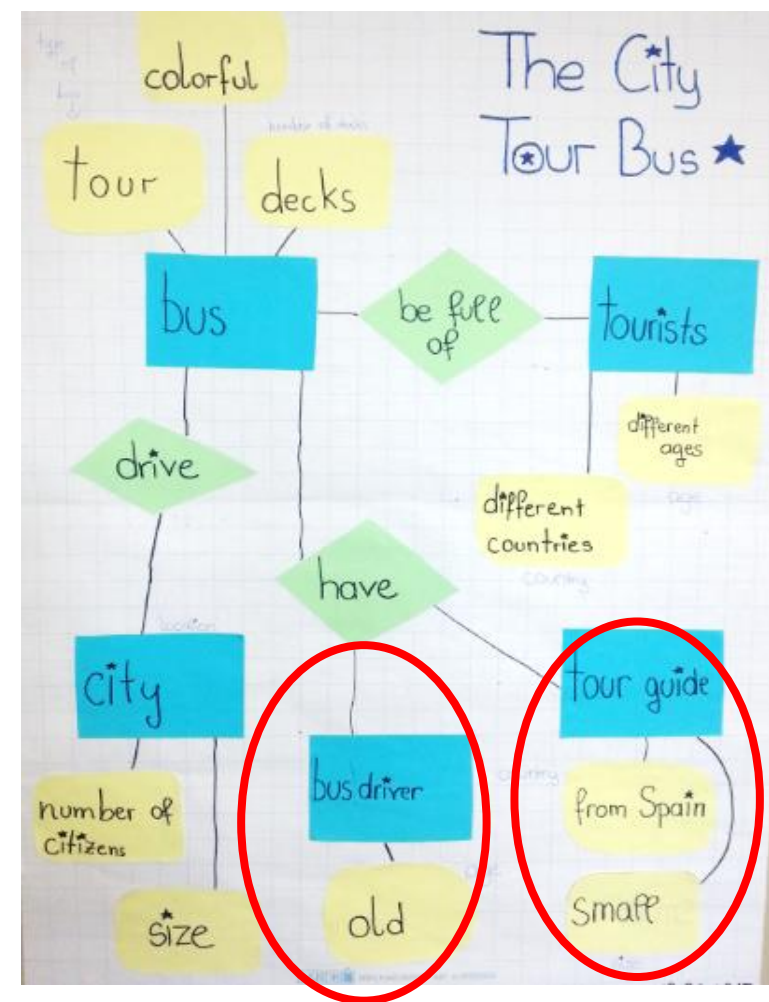
- Subject-specific contents correct
- Essential information available
- Useful
- Adequate use of
 - diagrams
 - relations

ER-Diagramm after 10 min Introduction



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Thank you!

Questions?

Discussion!

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