

## DAS TÄGLICHE LEBEN / DAILY CUSTOMS

13 THINGS FOREIGNERS DO THAT MAKE GERMANS  
REALLY UNCOMFORTABLE

## Saying I love you



Germans find it a little strange how often some people say "I love you". Those three words should be reserved for very special occasions and when you really mean it, many people in Germany believe.

Even using the word "love" to describe things (eg: "I love your lipstick!") is a bit much when you can use the more measured word "like".

Love is not to be thrown away at the end of a phone call or on your next door neighbour's cute dog.

Perhaps it's down to the fact that Germans do like to take their time getting to know people, and might then want to take a little longer to say the L word in a relationship, or out loud at all.

Often you'll find Germans prefer to use the phrase "Ich hab' dich lieb" (I really, really like you) because "I love you" just carries a bit too much weight.

But it's always better out than in. So Germans: we really do truly love you and we don't care how awkward that makes you feel.