

WAS ESSEN DIE DEUTSCHEN?

8 FOODS WHOSE NAMES GERMANS CAN'T AGREE ON

A bread roll is not a bread roll everywhere in the German-speaking world. From Bavaria to Berlin, the German word you use for these foods will reveal where you come from.

Brötchen



"Brötchen" ("Brot" is German for bread, the "-chen" is a diminutive suffix) are a staple all over the German-speaking world, but the word used to order the crusty rolls at the bakery counter vary greatly. You'll find "Schrippe" in Berlin, "Wecken" in Swabia, "Rundstück" in the North and "Semmel" in southern Germany. Austrians call the little breads "Laibchen" and in Switzerland they're "Weggen."

Berliner



What looks like a donut without a hole and is deep-fried sweet yeast dough is a "Berliner" in northern and western Germany and Switzerland. But beware: Don't ask for a Berliner in Berlin! In eastern Germany, the pastry is called "Pfannkuchen" (pancake). In southern Germany and Austria, it's a "Krapfen." No matter the name, it is often filled with jam and covered with icing or powdered sugar.