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## Question 1

**There are many traditions in Germany, Austria and Switzerland. Some are more relevant today than others. One interesting tradition in the Alps is „das Gipfelkreuz“: the large cross which can be seen on many mountains.**

**About seven hundred years ago, the first crosses were religious: people wanted good weather from God. However, their meaning has changed over time. For rich people in the 19th century, they were a symbol of their power over the mountain. For men returning from war, a „Gipfelkreuz“ showed that they were happy to be home again. Today many see them only as cultural symbols. Who doesn't want a selfie with the „Gipfelkreuz“ in the background?**