

## Re: I Got A Chemistry Text Book

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Uncle Al wrote:

> *Barry in Maryland wrote:*

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>> *On the other hand, I have been trying to help my struggling teenage daughter with her 1st year German class at our local high school.*

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>> *only reference materials she is allowed to bring home are the snippets*

>> *of not terribly well organized material that the teacher extracts from*

>> *miscellaneous sources. Although I was skeptical, I contacted the school two days ago to find out why my daughter could not take her textbook home with her to study it, only to be told that, "We have only*

>> *one set of books for everyone." Appears I would have better off to have home schooled her in that subject.*

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>> *By the way, we live in a prosperous suburb in a county with above average test scores and she attends one of the better schools in the*

>> *county. Go figure.*

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> 1) *amazon.com*

> 2) *Buy a copy at discount.*

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> 1) *College bookstore.*

> 2) *Buy any textbook. German is German – three genders, five declensions, plurals from Hell. At ealt she isn't learning somethig useless like Spanish or Ebonics.*

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> 1) *Google*

> 2) *Browse or download.*

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> *It's raining knowledge. Don't use your soupbowl as a rain bonnet.*

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> *Uncle Al*

> <http://www.mazepath.com/uncleal/>

- > *(Toxic URL! Unsafe for children and most mammals)*
- > <http://www.mazepath.com/uncleal/qz.pdf>

This is missing the point. I am certainly more than capable of teaching her first year high school German with no reference materials aside from those in my head, if necessary. There are two goals here. The first is to learn the language. Most any reference, of which we have an abundance at home, will suffice for this purpose. The second goal is for her to get a passing grade in the class. In this case the particular textbook used in the class provides the best option. Her last vocabulary list that she was expected to study for a quiz included the slang for clothing 'die Klamotten'. As far as I can tell, she has yet to learn the more formal 'die Kleidung'. Although I am familiar with both words, what is the likelihood that I would have introduced her to it on my own at the correct time for her quiz? Yes, I will be searching for the text to buy, but I should not have to do this.

Barry