

**D43** Marius / Germany / Economics

Interaction partner(s): Russian student  
Moment of enquiry: WS 09/10  
Experience of difference: Misinterpretation and conjecture

Marius, an economics student, meets Russian student Artur and invites him to a get-together with his roommates. Marius and his roommates have cooked dinner, and everyone warmly welcomes Artur. Before they start dinner, Marius puts a bottle of wine on the table and with a grin, says to Artur: “Sorry Artur, we don’t have any vodka! Is wine okay with you?” Artur nods silently. He is obviously upset and remains reserved all night. Marius has no explanation for this.

1. How might the German student have meant his allusion to vodka?
2. What was presumably the reason for the Russian student’s disgruntlement?