



Please answer the following questions during the guided tour at the Marienborn Memorial to Divided Germany.

- 1 How big was the GDR border crossing site Marienborn (1989)?
- 2 How many people worked at the GDR border crossing site Marienborn?
- 3 How much electricity did the GDR border crossing site use per year?
- 4 On average, how long did it take to inspect a car?
- 5 How much money western citizens had to change if they wanted to travel to the GDR?
- 6 Some vehicles were controlled by radiation to find refugees. Which radiation source was it?
- 7 Please estimate, how tall the tower is (in meters).
- 8 According to GDR customs law, customs agents had to check compliance with customs regulations in cross-border passenger and goods traffic. As part of entry traffic inspections, customs employees paid special attention to whether travellers entering the GDR had hidden illegal literature or other smuggled goods in their luggage. Please name examples for illegal literature.



## Solutions

### Marienborn Memorial to Divided Germany

- 1 How big was the GDR border crossing site Marienborn (1989)?  
**31 hectares (we only have 7,5 hectares left)**
- 2 How many people worked at the GDR border crossing site Marienborn?  
**1000 people**
- 3 How much electricity did the GDR border crossing site use per year?  
**As much electricity as a city with 20,000 inhabitants**
- 4 On average, how long did it take to inspect a car?  
**20 minutes (depending on traffic and political situation)**
- 5 How much money western citizens had to change if they wanted to travel to the GDR?  
**25 D-Mark per day and per person**
- 6 Some vehicles were controlled by radiation to find refugees. Which radiation source was it?  
**Caesium 137**
- 7 Please estimate, how tall the tower is (in meters).  
**14,6 meters**
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