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A brief description of Konken

Konken is a small village that covers an area of seven square kilometres and has a population of 769 inhabitants. It is located in the west of Rhineland-Palatinate near Kusel. In this region, all the villages are surrounded by hills covered with deciduous forest, farmland (mostly used to grow rapeseed) or pastures for grazing sheep and cows. The nearest city is Kaiserslautern.

Konken lies between Kusel and Homburg and therefore has the relative comfort of being served by a bus once an hour. As there is a motorway not far away, one can find a huge building site where a motorway service area is under construction 500 metres away from the village.

In relation to its size, Konken has a lot of different shops. Like almost every village it has a bakery which sells not only pastries, but also hot drinks and which serves as a place to exchange the latest local news and gossip. Secondly, there is a shop called "Kulinarische Landstraße". It sells regional products and food specialties and gives information about hiking trails and other tourist attractions. Furthermore, there are a household supply store, a market garden and a gas station. Next to the gas station is a repair shop for bicycles.

Konken of course has also some more places where social and cultural life takes place. There are the "basics" of a village of this size, that is to say a church and a cemetery, a kindergarten and an elementary school. On the outskirts, there is a playing field, mainly used for soccer. Furthermore, Konken has three restaurants. Two of them serve rather country-style dishes and people are also welcome to stay just to drink. One of them is a hotel, too, where the guests can sleep in hay. The third restaurant is more up-market and differentiates strictly between the restaurant and the pub, which are both together in the same building. Next to one of the restaurants one can find – rather surprisingly - a little art gallery. From the outside one can only see a stone garden and a front decorated with shells. What it looks like from the inside I cannot tell, because I've never been there. Finally, there is a youth centre in the centre of the village, but it is not much frequented.

*(This is the work of a student from last semester, slightly corrected.)*