## **Tote Hose in Weilburg**



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<u>Wenn Teenies shoppen gehen: Flugzeuge im Warenkorb</u>. This article caught my eye because it opens with a German slang phrase I learned just a few weeks ago: "Tote Hose" which means roughly "Absolutely nothing doing". Here's <u>an English version of the article</u> for those whose German isn't quite up to snuff.

A question for Germans: Since when did "shoppen" become a German word? What happened to "einkaufen"? Do people prefer the English words because they sound "cooler"?

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