

## What's so funny? – Hip weather forecast

The short clips in *Chili TV* are centred around the puppet protagonists: Chili the Sheep, Briegel the Shrub, and Bernd the Bread. They are best friends although they have entirely different characters, Bernd being the misanthrope who constantly has to suffer from the ideas of his happy-go-lucky friends. In the show he has to appear in all kinds of roles which he dislikes, frequently commenting on the events with a disgruntled “rubbish.”

One scene children referred to as especially funny in a *Chili TV* episode is Bernd's role as “MC Breadhead” dressed in hip hop clothes. He has to perform the weather forecast in front of a wall map. Bernd at first tries to refuse the job, but a guy with a microphone who is providing the rhythm off-stage talks him into starting the hip hop. Bernd then has to rap a nonsense rhyme which he instantly complains about: “The weather is cool, tomorrow there'll be stool. Stool? What is that supposed to be? We'll never make it into the hit parade.” After a short argument with the human beat box he just leaves the stage.



Screenshots taken from *Chili TV* (KI.KA) for academic purposes

### *What's so funny about it?*

*“Bernd is cool, because when Bernd did the weather forecast, [there] was this rhythm.”* (Boy)

*“This thing with the stool. ‘Tomorrow there is stool’.”* (Boy)

*“When he went away, bouncing like this [makes noise and moves like Bernd].”* (Girl)

Quotes from group discussions with 9- to 14-year-old German children