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Share:

n.

A guest worker, especially one in Germany.

[German : *Gast*, guest (from Middle High German, from Old High German; see **ghos-ti-** [in the Appendix of Indo-European roots](#)) + *Arbeiter*, worker (from *arbeiten*, to work, from *Arbeit*, work, from Middle High German *arebeit*, from Old High German *arabeit*; see **orbh-** [in the Appendix of Indo-European roots](#)).]

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