



What is the difference between hemp, cannabis, marijuana and hashish?

The terms hemp, cannabis, marijuana and hashish are often used as synonyms in German-speaking countries. This refers either to the whole hemp plant or the finished intoxicant. In the following guide, we not only try to put an end to the confusion surrounding the hemp plant, but also provide you with facts worth knowing about hashish.

What is hemp?

Hemp is the name of a plant genus within the hemp family. The plant is one of the oldest useful and ornamental plants in the world. In German-speaking countries, the term hemp is usually used incorrectly to refer to the entire components of the hemp plant, i.e. including the fibres, seeds, leaves and flowers.

What is cannabis?

Cannabis is simply the Latin word for hemp and is also used in science to refer to the hemp plant. By the way, the second important useful plant, which also belongs to the hemp family, is the hop.

What is the difference between cannabis and marijuana?

In principle, cannabis is nothing other than the hemp plant. Marijuana, on the other hand, is only the dried, resinous blossoms and flowering leaves of the female hemp plant. On the one hand, marijuana is used as an intoxicant, but it is also used as a medicine.

Mostly, marijuana is smoked after incomplete combustion or inhaled during vaporisation. Colloquially, it is also called grass, weed, pot or ganja. The colour spectrum of marijuana ranges from green to brownish to white or slightly purple, depending on the quality, origin, cultivation method and degree of drying.

What is the difference between marijuana and hashish?

Just like marijuana, hashish is also produced from the hemp plant. The difference, however, is that hashish is the collected and pressed resin. The resin is found on the glandular hairs of the female hemp plant, so hashish can therefore be obtained from the resin-covered flowers and leaves.

Hashish is often pressed into slabs or blocks for sale and is therefore often called a piece. Colloquially, hashish is often simply called hash. Depending on the quality and production method, the colour of hashish ranges from light grey to brown to matt black.



What is the difference between hash and grass?

After explaining the terms, the difference between hash and grass is quite simple. Hash is an abbreviation for hashish and refers to the pressed resin extracted from the hemp plant.

Weed, on the other hand, is a common term for marijuana, which is the dried flowers of the female hemp plant.

What is CBD weed?

CBD stands for cannabidiol and is another product extracted from the female hemp plant. In the meantime, about 500 different components have been identified in the hemp plant, including about 60 cannabinoids. The best known cannabinoids are tetrahydrocannabinol (THC) and cannabidiol (CBD).

In contrast to THC, CBD is a **non-psychoactive** substance of the hemp plant. CBD is therefore not subject to the Narcotic Drugs Act and is sold in many different ways. CBD weed is the dried blossoms of the female hemp plant that contain **less than 0.2 % THC**.