

GET READY FOR A LEVEL GERMAN!



Here is a suggested list of resources and activities that could help prepare you for starting your A level German studies in September.

Increase your German **vocabulary!**

BBC Bitesize

GCSE

German

There is a wide range of activities available on BBC Bitesize that are useful for revisiting all the GCSE topics.

<https://www.bbc.co.uk/bitesize/subjects/>

ActiveLearn

Log on to Active Learn and complete the interactive listening, reading, vocabulary and grammar activities that have been assigned to you.

www.pearsonactivelearn.com

BBC GERMAN

Here you will find access to a wide range of activities designed to help you improve your Spanish; including, courses, audio, video and games, vocabulary, pronunciation, grammar activities and tests.

<http://www.bbc.co.uk/languages/german/>

duolingo

**MEM
RISE**

Two useful websites/apps to practise speaking, reading, listening, and writing to build your vocabulary and grammar skills.

<https://www.duolingo.com/>

<https://www.memrise.com/>

CHANGING THE LANGUAGE SETTINGS ON YOUR MOBILE PHONE, TABLET, COMPUTER, EMAIL AND SOCIAL MEDIA TO GERMAN WILL HELP BROADEN YOUR VOCABULARY!

WATCH A GERMAN TV SERIES OR FILM

NETFLIX

You may not understand much of it, but it will help you get used to how the language sounds and, with the help of the visuals, you'll pick up odd words and phrases. **Make sure you choose an age appropriate film/show!**

LISTEN TO GERMAN MUSIC

Listening to German music can help improve your listening skills and pronunciation. Look up the lyrics and see if you can translate them.

LISTEN TO PODCASTS IN GERMAN

<https://www.easygerman.org/podcast>

<https://radiolingua.com/category/podcast/coffee-break-german/>

Know your GERMAN tenses and grammar!

YOUR TEXT BOOK IS REALLY HELPFUL.



The back of the book has a full explanation of the grammar you will need to know. Go through it and do the exercises!

STIMMT! AQA GCSE GRAMMAR AND TRANSLATION WORKBOOK

You may get a second hand copy of this online at a good rate. It would strengthen your understanding of German grammar and tenses.



ONLINE GERMAN DICTIONARIES

<https://www.leodict.com/>

<https://www.wordreference.com/>

<https://www.collinsdictionary.com/dictionary/english-german>

These are much more reliable than Google Translate as you can see all the different meanings of words and select the one that best suits your purpose.

1. Set language-learning goals.
2. Learn about the culture.
3. Have fun. Talk to yourself in German!
4. Test yourself.



<https://www.german-games.net/>

GERMANTOGO

<https://germantogo.com/>



Download the “Ich liebe Deutsch” app – it sends really useful vocabulary and grammar sheets to you, occasionally a picture with a caption etc.

It is really useful!

FLASHCARDS

Spend some time making yourself flashcards for all the GERMAN tenses that you have studied so far. You can use the Grammar section at the back of your textbook to help you. Remember to include the rules on how to form the tense and the main irregular verbs. This is a great way to revise the tenses and they will prove incredibly useful next year.

LANGUAGES ONLINE

<https://www.languagesonline.org.uk/Hotpotatoes/spanishindex.html#Grammar>

A useful website with lots of interactive grammar activities.

Be informed about current affairs!

USEFUL GERMAN WEBITES

www.wdr.de/tv/neuneinhalb/aktuell/index.php5

(Short news clips of around 9 ½ minutes aimed at children. Click on 'letzte' and you can look at all the topics available)

www.tivi.de/fernsehen/logo/start/index.html

(You can watch the latest logo! programmes. logo! is the German version of 'Newsround')

<https://www.jetzt.de/> An online daily magazine aimed at young people

GERMAN NEWSPAPERS (either online or download the app)

ZEIT  ONLINE

<https://www.zeit.de/index>

Süddeutsche Zeitung

<https://www.sueddeutsche.de/>

READ AND WATCH THE NEWS IN ENGLISH

As an A level German student, you will cover a wide range of topics and whilst you will study them in the context of Germany and other German speaking countries many are relevant here in England too. Reading up on these topics in English will broaden your vocabulary and give you a deeper appreciation of key current affairs; which, in turn, will help you make stronger arguments in German and access reading and listening activities more easily.

At A level students are required to read authentic articles from German newspapers and have a strong knowledge and understanding about the culture and society where German is spoken.

Here are some tips to get the most out of online newspapers:

- Start by scanning the headlines only.
- Look at the pictures and subheadings to help you work out the main points of the article.
- Skim the whole article to get the gist – do not look up every new word as it will slow you down and you will lose interest.
- Select a paragraph and try to translate it into English.
- Select articles covering topics that interest you or are familiar to you in English as it will help you to work out the meaning of unknown words.

READ THE NEWS IN GERMAN

Read all the latest News in German, watch video clips and reports too.

Deutsche Welle –a site for people all over the world wanting to learn German

<https://www.dw.com/de/themen/>

LISTEN TO THE NEWS BEING READ BUT SLOWLY!!

<https://www.dw.com/de/12052020-langsam-gesprochene-nachrichten/>

