

Pre-entry Preparation, Requirements and Recommendations

Welcome to A-level German study at Comberton Sixth Form!

Preparation

We would like you to complete some bridging work in the form of some different tasks before you start the course in September.

1. **Task 1: Deutschlernen ist "in"**

<https://www.dw.com/de/deutschlernen-ist-in/l-40294620>

Watch the video & complete the 5 interactive online exercises (listed on the webpage below the video).

2. **Task 2: Lernerporträt**

Lernerporträt - Tamerlane aus Großbritannien

<https://www.dw.com/de/tamerlane-aus-gro%C3%9Fbritannien/a-36005731>

Lernerporträt – Julia aus Spanien

<https://www.dw.com/de/j%C3%BAlia-aus-spanien/a-18485742>

Listen to and read these two learner profiles. Then, using the attached document, create a Lernerporträt for yourself.

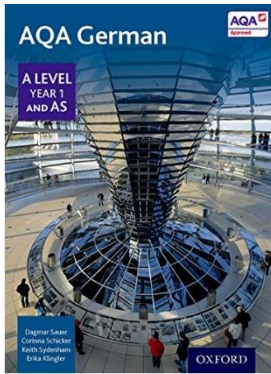
3. **Task 3: Undertake 5 activities independently**, using the attached document to record what you do. On the document you will find some suggested websites to explore.

4. **Task 4: Watch the film** ‚Das Leben der Anderen‘ (The Lives of Others).

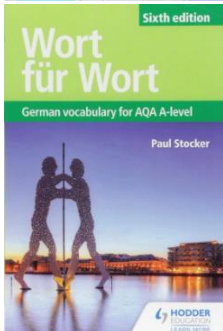
5. **Task 5: Thoroughly revise and consolidation the following grammar** - present tense (weak, strong & irregular verbs), past tense (weak, strong, unpredictable verbs, and which use ‘sein’ rather than ‘haben’ as the Hilfsverb), future tense (all forms of ‘werden’), German word order (in statements, questions (with and without a question word), inversion, subordinate clauses after subordinating conjunctions), modal verbs in present and imperfect tense. Use the video tutorials in the grammar weblink posted later in this document and make your own notes as you watch if necessary. Here is a website with exercises that you can practise <https://www.german-course-vienna.com/en/exercises,3870.html> Work through the A1 and A2 exercises. Provide evidence of your learning and practice.

Recommendations

In Year 12 we use several invaluable resources that streamline and enhance your learning experience. You can either be provided with a copy of the textbook we use in September (deposit £20 – returned if the book is in good condition at the end of the course) or you may purchase your own copy if you want to be able to write in it.



AQA A Level Year 1 and AS German - Student Book
Oxford University Press



Wort für Wort
Hodder Education Group

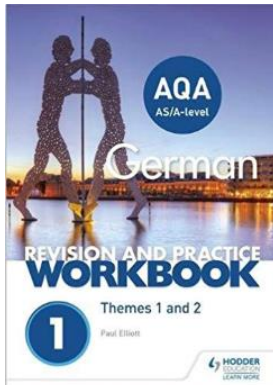
A-Level vocabulary coverage with topic-by-topic lists of key words and phrases.



German A-level Grammar Workbook 1
Hodder Education



German A-level Grammar Workbook 2
Hodder Education



AQA A-level German Revision and Practice Workbook: Themes 1 and 2
Hodder Education



In Year 12 we study the film 'Das Leben der Anderen' and we recommend that you buy your own DVD copy or download it using Amazon Prime or similar. There is also an excellent film guide that we recommend you buy so that you can annotate it - **Modern Languages Study Guides: Das Leben der Anderen: Film Study Guide for AS/A-level German (Film and literature guides)** [Hodder Education].

You will also need the following equipment: a folder, section dividers, pens, highlighters and a block of A4 lined paper. You will not be given an exercise book and will be expected to complete work on Microsoft OneNote so it would be useful if you familiarised yourself with this app in advance.

Other than the resources mentioned above, the following suggestions are also good ways to ensure that you are really able to speak and understand as much German as possible.

<http://mediathek.daserste.de/>

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

<https://www.ardmediathek.de/tv>

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

<https://www.dw.com/de/deutsch-lernen/s-2055>

<https://www.deutschlandfunknova.de/#>

<https://german.tolearnfree.com/lessons-and-exercises.php>

<https://www.planet-wissen.de>

Instagram

You might like to follow the following accounts for daily vocabulary, phrase, idiom, culture, news updates:

@deutschland.de

@dw_deutschlernen

@lernen_deutsch_sprache

@klar.aulasdealemao

@quikkgerman

@lernedeutsch

@goetheinstitut

@german.by.the.day

@deutschewords

@einfach_deutsch_lernen

@deutsch.verstehen

@deutsch_tagebuch

@deutsch_mit_benjamin

Mediatheken

<https://www.ardmediathek.de/daserste/>

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

Watch some German TV online – not everything is available but a lot is.

<https://www.welt.de/fernsehen/gallery13416799/Die-20-beliebtesten-TV-Sendungen-der-Deutschen.html>

The 20 most popular TV shows in Germany

Musik

<https://easy-deutsch.de/en/german-music/>

<https://www.tonspion.de/news/playlist-die-besten-deutschsprachigen-lieder>

<https://playlisten.com/deutsche-pop-musik/>

German playlists on Spotify and youtube

<https://www.offiziellecharts.de/charts>

Current German charts

Podcasts

<https://slowgerman.com/about-2/>

You can see the texts and hear the audio on the website or subscribe to the youtube channel

<https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCXntXBt2YKBO1xDni0EgjXA>

(which shows subtitles while the audio plays) or to the podcasts and listen on the go (although not sure where you might be going at the moment!!)

<https://www.thelocal.de/20180626/best-podcasts-to-take-your-german-to-the-next-level>

A list of 10 podcasts for German learning

Deutsche Welle

<https://www.dw.com/de/deutsch-lernen/deutschtrainer-ektionen/s-32889>

Deutschtrainer. Vocabulary revision and learning.

<https://www.dw.com/de/deutsch-lernen/das-deutschlandlabor/s-32379>

Deutschlandlabor. Video series with subtitles exploring all sorts of German-related topics.

<https://www.dw.com/de/deutsch-lernen/ticket-nach-berlin/s-32294>

Ticket nach Berlin. Short video series with people exploring Germany.

<https://www.dw.com/de/deutsch-lernen/stadtbilder/s-31499>

Deutschland von Stadt zu Stadt. Short videos and information about some of Germany's most famous cities.

<https://www.dw.com/de/deutsch-lernen/bandtagebuch/s-13891>

Das Bandtagebuch mit EINSHOCH 6. Series of videos about this band, followed up with interactive exercises.

<https://www.dw.com/de/deutsch-lernen/staffel-1-fans/s-13358>

<https://www.dw.com/de/deutsch-lernen/staffel-2-fans/s-31572>

<https://www.dw.com/de/deutsch-lernen/staffel-3-fans/s-101275>

Jojo sucht das Glück. Series 1, 2, & 3 of this telenovela made specifically for learners of German.

German grammar video tutorials

<https://www.youtube.com/playlist?list=PL2fCGQa2PY7CDJkKsRiYNC-7XxiU4I10f>

It would be ideal if you got into the routine of turning your attention towards German for a small part of each day, listening to, watching or researching something that will further your knowledge and interest.

You will find further information about the AQA A-level German syllabus here

<https://www.aqa.org.uk/subjects/languages/as-and-a-level/german-7662>

If you have any questions, please do contact me. My e-mail address is lmcclelland@combertonvc.org

We are looking forward to welcoming and working with you!

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'LMcClelland'.

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