

German A Level

The best way to keep your language active, is to ***practise*** often and ***repeat*** exercises and tasks until you become really ***secure with the grammar basics***.

There are a ***range of skills*** which you need to practise, via listening, reading and writing in the language.

Grammar

The following websites are very good for all levels of grammar practice and provide both explanations and answers.

- This site also has reading material at many levels and comprehension exercises to follow up with.

<https://lingua.com/de/deutsch/lesen/>

- These sites have grammar exercises on all aspects but are very ***good for practising the tenses***.

<http://www.nthuleen.com/teach/grammar.html>

<https://deutsch.lingolia.com/en/grammar>

Reading;

„Deutsch für Anfänger -Deutsch lernen“

- This offers many stories to read at various levels, but also has the audio, so that you can listen and follow the text.

You Tube .. <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Ez0QyozJbEU>

Listening

- This site has exercises related to listening at many levels.

<http://www.listeningpractice.org/>

There are **various tv channels** which have excellent articles to read and listen to, programmes to watch, sports news etc.

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

https://www.ard.de/home/ard/ARD_Startseite/21920/index.html

<https://www.news4kids.de/>

‘Deutsch Welle Deutsch lernen, is an excellent site with a range of activities, including listening/reading and grammar

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

it also offers the **news spoken slowly** for German learners.

<https://www.dw.com/en/langsam-gesprochene-nachrichten-learning-german/a-2925601>

- This site **‘Helles Köpfchen’** has information for German speaking children on a huge range of themes, so is clear and uncomplicated.

<https://www.helles-koepfchen.de/>

Vocabulary learning

Look up as much vocabulary as possible and **keep it in one place** (file or note book) <https://www.linguee.com/> (good online dictionary)

You can upload it to <https://quizlet.com/en-gb> for easy learning (flashcards/lists and games)

The site **‘Classtools’** has great ways to practise the vocabulary if you upload it in a word document (very easy to do)

<http://classtools.org.uk/>

Be well organised; Keep you notes in a file with a section dedicated to grammar notes and exercises.

Overview of the AQA Specification

There are 4 themes:

Year 1: Themes 1 and 2

Year 2: Themes 3 and 4

Theme 1 Aspects of German-speaking society

Theme 2 Artistic culture in the German -speaking world

Theme 3 Multiculturalism in German -speaking society

Theme 4 Aspects of political life in the German -speaking world

Skills related to these themes are:

- Acquisition of vocabulary
- Comprehension (reading and listening)
- Short specific answers relating to texts (listening and reading)
- Translation (to and from German)
- Summary writing (reading and listening)

Speaking:

Regular discussion on all 4 themes as well as general conversation to improve fluency with the aim of ultimately being able to hold a complex conversation on any of these topics in exam conditions.

IRP Individual Research Project- started in year 2 on a personally chosen topic area relating to Germany
(historical/contemporary/political/cultural/sporting/current affairs)

Film and Book

(one film and one book will be studied over the 2 year course)

The detailed study of characters and themes within the film and book, to gain a deep understanding of both works and be able to write 350-400 word essay in German on them.