



Progression - German

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The Benefits of Learning German



The ability to speak a language is a vital skill in today's international world. As Germany is our biggest trading partner, there is a need for fluent speakers of the language to promote our industry abroad. German is the language that is in highest demand across job postings.

Studying A level German not only will enable you to learn the German language, but also you will gain in-depth insight into the cultural, social, political and artistic aspects of the German-speaking country/countries you will study.

Follow these links to find out some of the benefits of learning German

[4 reasons to learn a language](#)

[7 secrets from Ted translators](#)

[The benefits of bilingualism](#)

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Demonstrate your learning

Prepare a poster promoting the benefits of learning German. Do some research on career prospects. Be prepared to deliver it to your classmates when you start WSFC.

Further research

Find out some basic facts about the geography, history, politics and culture of Germany or a German-speaking country, eg population, the federal states, which political party is in power etc. Prepare a 5 minute power point presentation. Be prepared to share with your classmates when you start WSFC.

Prepare for A Level

It's important to start preparing for A level German as soon as you've made the decision to study it. Here are five tasks which will help you familiarise yourself with the course and what it entails.



At WSFC we use the EDEXCEL exam board.

Here is a summary of the key topics we will be covering

Year 12

Economic development in Germany

- The environment
- Education
- The world of work

Political and artistic culture in German speaking countries

- Music
- The media
- The role of festivals and traditions

Year 13

Immigration and German multicultural society

The reunification of Germany


1. Visit the exam board website and download the specification and look at the specimen assessment material. Don't panic; it will look daunting at first.
<https://qualifications.pearson.com/en/qualifications/edexcel-a-levels/german-2016.html#tab-1>
2. Having a good grasp of German grammar is essential to the A level course. Work through the additional activities and learn everything you need to know.

Task 1: A Level Language Essentials and Grammar

To be completed for September



It's important to start Year 12 equipped with the essentials.

Below are a number of tasks which aim to develop your knowledge of key verbs and more.  ed language structures.

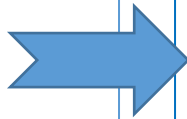
High Frequency Verbs

haben können

sein müssen

gehen wollen

machen werden



Create a wall chart displaying these verbs in all their forms and in the following tenses:


- present tense
- perfect tense
- imperfect tense
- future tense
- conditional tense

Memorise these verbs thoroughly and test yourself regularly.

Sentence Starters

Was ich nicht ertragen kann, ist... What I cannot bear is....

Ich mache mich immer so viel Sorgen... I worry very much...

 möchte ich betonen... Firstly, I'd like to emphasise...

Es ist leicht zu ersehen, dass... It is easy to see that...

Ein großer Vorteil ist... A big advantage is...

Write sentences using each of these sentence starters. Give your opinion on:

- Immigration and multicultural society
- Changes in society
- The culture in German speaking countries

phrases which you can use when discussing different topics.

Write sentences using each of these phrases on the topics of:

- Politics and young people
- The digital world
- The role of TV

Das Problem hat beängstigende Ausmaße erreicht. The problem has reached worrying proportions.

Gehen wir davon aus, dass... Let's assume
Vom politischen Standpunkt aus gesehen
point of view...

Wenn man alles in Betracht zieht... All those
Betroffen sind vor allem... Those most affected
Ich habe nichts gegen diese Entwicklung
nothing against this development.



German grammar

Learning grammar will help you to prepare for A levels. You should review your GCSE notes and exercises but the following will also be helpful:



- www.german.net (lots of grammar revision activities to choose from here)
- Practise your genders: <http://deutsch.ie/german-grammar/die-der-das-game/>
- **Deutsch-lernen.com** <http://www.deutsch-lernen.com/>
 - Comprehensive coverage of German grammar, taking you through from beginner to advanced level
 - Convenient "bite-sized" units, each focusing on one grammatical point → Exercises are available, so you can practise what you have learned

Task 2

To prepare you for the speaking exam (30% of the total A Level) it is important to have a good grasp of current affairs in German speaking countries. Listening to the news and songs will help to develop your skills.

Music, Books and Podcasts

- Discover German music on Spotify
- Find a German song/band/artist you like and complete the gapfills until you can complete 'advanced' (or even 'expert'?!)
<https://lyricstraining.com/de/>
- Find some German language podcasts that you enjoy and listen to them regularly

News and current affairs

- Tageschau in einfacher Sprache (watch on YouTube)
- Logo News (News for German children) <https://www.logo.de/>
- Deutsche Welle <https://learngerman.dw.com/de/deutsch-lernen/s-9095>

Other ideas

- Find a *German* recipe and try it out
- Write a song/poem in *German*

