

## YEAR 10 GERMAN SUMMER EXAM

You will be sitting a higher level GCSE past paper for both reading and listening.

**Listening Exam:** You will answer questions based on short recordings. You will hear each recording twice. All your answers will be in English. The exam will last 45 minutes. This includes 5 minutes reading time, where you can go through the questions before you hear the recordings.

**Reading Exam:** You will answer questions based on written texts of varying lengths. All your answers will be in English. The exam will last 50 minutes.

### **Topics to revise:**

These exams are designed to test you once you have covered the entire course, which you have clearly not yet done. However, you have covered almost all of the GCSE topics over the course of years 9 and 10. A lot of vocabulary can come up in several topics. Key vocabulary which you must know includes:

1. numbers
2. days of the week and months
3. opinion adjectives
4. time phrases (e.g. yesterday, tomorrow, always, never)
5. negatives
6. tense formation (i.e. werden + an infinitive = future)
7. qualifiers, quantifiers and 'little words', e.g. quite, almost, only, without

You might also choose to look back at some of the topics you did in year 9, like the environment, jobs, school and town. However, there is no guarantee that these topics will come up on the exam!

### **Exam technique:**

You can expect to go over key exam technique and tips with your class teacher before the exam. One key point to remember is that the examiner will always include vocabulary they don't expect you to know. They want to see if you can work it out using your prior knowledge, context and common sense, so don't panic if you come across new words. Some other tips include:

1. The answers follow in the order of the text; the answer to number one is at the beginning of the recording or at the start of the text, the answer to the final question will be at the end.
2. The paper is in peaks and troughs, so don't give up if you are finding a question hard; the next one might be easier.
3. Never leave a blank answer and never include the example in your answer.
4. You don't need to write in full sentences, but your answer needs to be precise enough so that you demonstrate you have properly understood. Remember, 'show that you know'.
5. Remember to SWAMP each question: **s**cene setter, **w**hat's the question asking, **a**nnotate your paper, **h**ow many **m**arks, **p**redict.

### **Revision tips:**

1. Know your vocabulary really well! Learn the vocabulary on the end of unit vocabulary lists. An effective technique is LOOK/COVER/WRITE/CHECK. Remember, you'll need to know spellings for the translation section. Kerboodle also has a special vocabulary builder, which will generate vocab tests for you.

2. Another good tip is to make 'test and teach' cards. These have the German on one side and the English on the other. Get together with a friend and test each other. You could use the website [quizlet.com](http://quizlet.com) to make electronic versions of these and play games with them. This site will also tell you how the words are pronounced, which is really useful for the listening test.
3. Make brightly coloured mind-maps for each topic.
4. You could write lots of vocabulary on post-it notes and put them where you'll look at the several times a day; round your mirror or next to your bed, for example.
5. Go through the grammar notes at the end of each unit. Do any grammar exercises you haven't already done.
6. Websites such as [zut.org.uk](http://zut.org.uk), SAM learning and [languagesonline.org.uk](http://languagesonline.org.uk) have vocabulary and grammar revision games, as well as some reading and listening activities.
7. Come to languages clinic on a Thursday lunchtime to practise and get help: ML1, 1.30 – 2:15.