

YEAR 9 GERMAN SUMMER EXAM

You will be sitting a listening test and a reading and translation test. The listening test will take place outside of exams' week, during one of your timetabled lessons. Your teacher will give you the date for this.

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 approximately 30 minutes.

Reading and Translation Exam: You will answer questions based on short written texts. All your answers will be in English. You will then translate a short paragraph of German into English and translate short sentences of English into German. The exam will last approximately 1 hour.

Topics to revise:

Unit 3A: Health and Fitness

Unit 4A: The environment

Unit 4B: Jobs, pocket money and future plans (**not** school).

Key Grammar:

1. Using linking words weil, obwohl, wenn and da which send the verb to the end of the sentence.
2. Past, present and future tenses.
3. Inversion (verb as second idea).
4. verb comma verb
5. Modal verbs
6. seit + present tense
7. um...zu
8. comparatives and superlatives

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.
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 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 gut.org.uk and 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.