



Welcome to A level German (Year 1)

-By now you should have completed most of your first Flying Start pack which was sent/given to you in the summer. Your teachers will look over this with you soon. **The written tasks must be finished within the first full week of term to allow your teacher to give feedback. You should then finish the rest over the first 2-3 weeks of term.**

-This is your second phase of introductory work to get you set up for your MFL studies.

-The tasks below should be completed according to the deadlines to help you with your work on this course.

By the end of the first full week

-Set up a ring binder with dividers and sections for each part of your course. There should be separate sections for: the topics you will study (these might appear over time), vocabulary and grammar, additional study etc. You might want to do it slightly differently, but you must divide your work and organise it carefully. For instance, if you have two teachers doing different topics then you should create sections for this.

-Order your own copy of the Year 1 textbook. AQA A Level/AS German Year 1

ISBN-13: 978-0198366898 ISBN-10: 0198366892. It is available on Amazon.

-We also recommend (for independent study/ homework but not essential purchases)

AQA A level German grammar and translation workbook ISBN-13: 978-0198415541 ISBN-10: 0198415540

Wort für Wort Sixth Edition: German Vocabulary for AQA A-level ISBN-13: 978-1510434844 ISBN-10: 1510434844

-Find a successful method for learning vocabulary, verbs and grammar.

We recommend 'look-cover-write' and regular practice.

Memrise and Quizlet are also good ways for you to make your own vocab lists and practise them. You will know if you are successful by achieving full marks (or close to it) in your vocab tests.

Over the first few weeks (1-4)

-Practise and develop good skills for reading a text in depth

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=42SJTk2XSi4> This video may be helpful.

Your teacher will also show you how to read a text in depth. The main strategies are:

- Look at the heading and sub-headings to get the context of what it is about
- Scan the text (should take around 10 seconds) to find familiar words and clues about its content
- Skim it then more closely to get a closer understanding of what each paragraph is saying.
- Then begin to read it properly (avoid a dictionary at this point but use the vocab which is often provided)

-Develop effective study skills which support your learning in class. This is essential for a good grade at A level

What does this mean?

- Organise your time to make sure you get your homework done (there will be one hour of homework per hour of teaching). Plan when you will do your homework so that you don't panic and rush it at the last minute.
- After each lesson you should re-visit the material you have been taught in your homework/ study time.
- Re-read any texts and double check your answers to any questions
- Look over any new vocabulary from the lesson and begin to learn it (this is on top of any vocab for your homework)
- Practise any grammar and structures from the lesson so that you are confident with them.

By the end of the first half term

-Be building up your independent reading skills in German and your knowledge of German-speaking culture and society. You will need to have a knowledge of examples of how the various topics i.e. family structure/ role of the media, are seen in German-speaking countries. This link contains many articles which will help you

<https://www.goethe.de/ins/gb/en/spr/unt/kum/dfj/alv.html>

When you feel more confident you can try www.spiegel.de

Explore German- speaking media for your own enjoyment

Find a German TV series to watch (or films will do), a German band / group you can listen to and do this regularly. You don't have to pay for things but Netflix and Amazon Prime sometimes show things in translation.

Remember, the more you do, the more you will learn. Good luck and your teachers are here to support and help you!