

First Steps

1. Download the GCSE vocab lists from Handin and print out
2. Buy a German revision guide and workbook via Parent Pay
3. Check out the exam board information: <http://www.aqa.org.uk/subjects/languages/gcse/german-8668>
4. Join our group on Memrise (and make a note of your login details): <http://www.memrise.com/group/110492/>
5. Join our group on Quizlet (and make a note of your login details): <https://quizlet.com/join/KzpggDhKQ>
6. Keep your German exercise books safe – you’ll need them next year too!

A. Learn vocab

Organise vocab into topics. The topics we have studied already are highlighted in yellow.

<p>Theme 1: Identity and culture</p> <p>Topic 1: Me, my family and friends</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Relationships with family and friends ● Marriage/partnership <p>Topic 2: Technology in everyday life</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Social media ● Mobile technology <p>Topic 3: Free-time activities</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Music ● Cinema and TV ● Food and eating out ● Sport <p>Topic 4: Customs and festivals in German-speaking countries/communities</p>	<p>Theme 2: Local, national, international and global areas of interest</p> <p>Topic 1: Home, town, neighbourhood and region</p> <p>Topic 2: Social issues</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Charity/voluntary work ● Healthy/unhealthy living <p>Topic 3: Global issues</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● The environment ● Poverty/homelessness <p>Topic 4: Travel and tourism</p>	<p>Theme 3: Current and future study and employment</p> <p>Topic 1: My studies</p> <p>Topic 2: Life at school/college</p> <p>Topic 3: Education post-16</p> <p>Topic 4: Jobs, career choices and ambitions</p>
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Revise vocab **regularly** in at least two of these ways:

1. Look, cover, write, check
2. Get someone to test you
3. Make digital flashcards and play games on www.quizlet.com (free to register)
4. Complete courses in our group on www.memrise.com
4. Play vocab games on www.linguascope.com (beginner and intermediate)
5. Use post-its and/or paper flashcards.
6. Record vocab lists on your phone to play back
7. Make mindmaps around key topics.



B. Practise reading and listening

- Use www.linguascope.com (username: foresthill, password: reynold)
- Go to <http://www.bbc.co.uk/schools/gcsebitesize/german/>
- Complete exercises from the digital GCSE German textbook on Handin (in 'Atrium' on left-hand menu)
- Use a revision guide and workbook with online audio to practise listening (you can buy from school)
- Practice exam questions from the previous GCSE*

C. Practise writing

- Make a checklist of the different structures you should be including in your writing (and speaking)
You will have done work on this in class
- Find texts you have written in class and for homework and rewrite them on cards so you have a bank of texts about different topics (this will also be useful for speaking preparation)
- Complete practice writing tasks from the revision guide/workbook
- Familiarise yourself with the mark scheme for writing so you know what you get marks for (your teacher will make this available to you)

** No past papers are available for the new GCSE as this is the first time it has been taught.
You can use old specification reading and listening papers.*



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