







GCSE German Checklist






Unit 1 Schule

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Unit 2 Leisure NKN




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Complete a short text about my freetime activities (50 words) – using <i>present tense</i> . <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Abends nach der Schule ... Am Wochenende..... 			
Say how often I do an activity (<i>Adverbs of frequency</i>) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Manchmal, oft, nie... 			
Use the <i>Time/Manner/Place</i> rule.			
Talk about the type of music I prefer and why			
Name 10 + types of film & television programmes.			
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Unit 3 Family and friends




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Complete a short text about my best friend (50 words) – using <i>present tense</i> . <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Er ist immer gute Laune. Wir verbringen unsere Freizeit zusammen. 			
Say if you get on with someone and give a reason why <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Ich verstehe mich gut/nicht so gut mit... Weil....(verb to the end) 			

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Unit 5 + 6: Holiday and Local Area

I can...			
Name 8+ types of transport			
Name 8+ types of accommodation and make a hotel booking <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Unterkunft = accommodation ROLE PLAY!! 			
Book train tickets <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • ROLE PLAY!! 			

Name at least 20 places in town and say what there is in my town <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • es gibt + accusative e.g. • Es gibt einen großen Park, ein tolles Kino, eine moderne Bibliothek etc. 			
Ask for and give directions			
Assess the pros and cons of where I live			
Name local and global environmental problems			
Say what we could, should do to improve our local environment			
Understand menus and order food at a restaurant <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • ROLE PLAY!! 			
Shop for souvenirs and conduct a role play in a shop			
Describe problems on holiday including illnesses and injury			
Use <i>wenn</i> clauses to say what we would do (Higher) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Wenn ich mehr Geld hätte, würde ich in einem schicken Restaurant essen 			
Understand the weather forecast + describe the weather in 3 tenses			
Name at least 15 countries and discuss popular holiday destinations			
Say where I normally go on holiday, where I went last year and where I'd like to go this summer			
Say what types of holidays I enjoy and why <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • after PPEs 			
Understand holiday literature e.g. brochures <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • after PPEs 			
Describe a past holiday – what I did, where I went, what it was like etc. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • after PPEs 			
(Higher) discuss holiday plans using 'zu' constructions <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • after PPEs Ich habe vor, nach Spanien zu fahren • Ich habe Lust, New York zu sehen. 			
Answer speaking questions about the following four topics: friends and family, free time, where I live, school, holidays <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • after PPEs Ich habe vor, nach Spanien zu fahren • Ich habe Lust, New York zu sehen. 			

Unit 7: World of Work

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Name at least 15 professions and give masculine and feminine forms			
Name different job locations <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • in einem Krankenhaus, in einer Fabrik, in einem Büro etc. 			
Talk about the advantages of certain jobs <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • weil es gut bezahlt ist 			
Say what I would like to become and why <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • ich will ... werden 			
Talk about part time work including how much I earn, when I work			
Describe my work experience in detail			
Say what I had to do on work experience using <i>ich musste</i>			
Understand job ads and CVs			

Recognise the imperfect tense as used for story-telling <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • See PPE Higher Reading Q9 			
Understand the reasons for learning other languages			
Use <i>um...zu</i> correctly (in order to) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • ich lerne Deutsch, um in Deutschland zu arbeiten. 			
Describe what people are doing on a photo using correct present tense forms			
Translate German texts about work into English			