

## German A Level

### Preparation work: Pre-course Reading, Research and Tasks

Pre-reading and research will help you to become more familiar with the topics you are going to study on your A Level German course. If you complete the tasks below, they will also help you to become more confident when you start your course. Remember it is also a good idea to make sure you recap and consolidate your GCSE German knowledge as well.

### Specification:

A good place to start to look at the A level specification and familiarise yourself with what you will be studying on the course:

<https://www.aqa.org.uk/subjects/languages/as-and-a-level/german-7662>

### Task 1:

Ensure you practise the grammar seen in GCSE, revising regular and irregular verbs in all tenses learned. For those who want to extend themselves, maybe have a look at preposition groups and direct & indirect objects. Try and put in a 20 minute grammar slot 3 times a week. Keep a log of the grammar you practise.

### Grammar:

<https://www.bbc.co.uk/bitesize/subjects/z8j2tfr>

[https://www.schubert-verlag.de/aufgaben/uebungen\\_a2/a2\\_uebungen\\_index.htm?PHPSESSID=1e9ad234d34d019443ed70dcf09046e7](https://www.schubert-verlag.de/aufgaben/uebungen_a2/a2_uebungen_index.htm?PHPSESSID=1e9ad234d34d019443ed70dcf09046e7)

<https://www.languagesonline.org.uk/Hotpotatoes/germanindex.html>

### Task 2:

It is very important to **listen** to programmes in German regularly, again, 20 minutes 3 times a week.

### Task 3:

Similarly, you need to ensure you put in a regular **reading** slot in German on a daily basis. Keep a log of interesting things you come across both listening and reading so you can tell us about them when we see you.

### Task 4:

Pick one of the Grimm fairy tales and /or a film/a documentary. Write a summary of key points in German. Bring this to your first German lesson.

### Websites for Further Research and Reading:

<https://www.zdf.de/nachrichten/heute-sendungen/videos/heute-xpress-aktuelle-sendung-100.html>

<https://www.dw.com/en/top-stories/s-9097>

<https://www.tagesschau.de/100sekunden/index.html>

### Books to Read:

<https://learnoutlive.com/easy-german-short-stories>

### Podcasts:

<https://learngermanbypodcast.com/beginner.php>

### Films to Watch:

- **Good-Bye, Lenin** (Wolfgang Becker)
- **The Lives Of Others** (Florian Henckel von Donnersmarck)
- **Lola rennt!** (Tom Tykwer)
- **Deutschland 83, Deutschland 86** (Netflix)
- **The Art Of Germany** (Andrew Graham-Dixon) (BBC4, Netflix)

### Progression Opportunities

#### Why choose German A Level:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=c0MIOuOPjfU>

<https://www.all-languages.org.uk/research-practice/why-study-languages>

[https://www.vistawide.com/languages/why\\_languages.htm](https://www.vistawide.com/languages/why_languages.htm)

*We hope you enjoy completing these tasks and look forward to you joining the course.*

