

FACTFILE: GCSE GERMAN



Listening 5

CONTEXT 2: LOCAL, NATIONAL, INTERNATIONAL AND GLOBAL AREAS OF INTEREST



My local area and the wider environment



Introduction

Here are some key points to help you study this topic.

Learning Outcomes

You should be able to:

- demonstrate understanding of different types of spoken language;
- follow and understand clear speech using familiar language;
- identify the overall message, key points, details and opinions in a variety of spoken passages;
- deduce meaning from a variety of spoken texts; and
- recognise and respond to key information, important themes and ideas in extended spoken text (including authentic sources, which may be adapted as appropriate) by being able to answer questions, extract information, evaluate and draw conclusions.

These lists are neither prescriptive nor exhaustive.

Skills

- Wohnort: in der Stadt/im Vorort/auf dem Lande/in einem Dorf/an der Küste.
- Unterhaltungsmöglichkeiten/
Einkaufsmöglichkeiten/öffentliche
Transportmittel.
- Wohnung/Haus.
- Zimmer/Möbel/im Haushalt helfen;
- die Umwelt.

Preparation

Learn Vocabulary under topic areas as set out in the Vocabulary List in the German Specification which is available on the CCEA website.

- There is often a useful Vocabulary List summarising important words and structures at the end of a unit in your text book.
- Listen to as much German as possible. Watch even snippets of German TV or video interviews on the Internet.
- Listen to pronunciation on the recorded material used in the classroom, listen carefully to your teacher and to the German Language Assistant.
- Be aware of words which have the same or similar meaning, e.g.
im Vorort/am Stadtrand/außerhalb der Stadt
die Bank/die Sparkasse

Practice

- Use past papers.
- Familiarise yourself with the layout of the paper.
- Make sure you understand the rubrics which are listed in the German Specification.
- Take account of the number of marks awarded for each question. This is a good guide to the amount of material required in your answer.
- If possible, listen to the text accompanied by the transcript in order to link sound and spelling.
- Each question has a title and a lead-in sentence. These will help you to focus on the situation and to predict the vocabulary you are about to hear.
- Make sure you answer in the correct language, e.g. if you answer in English in the German section you will get no marks.
- Attempt every question. Do not leave blanks. If necessary, make a good guess.
- Use the five minutes preparation time constructively. Devise your own method. You may find it helpful to underline the question word or annotate in English.
- When you have answered a question to your satisfaction and there is time left, use it to prepare for the next question.

Revision

Typical questions in this topic are:

- Wo wohnt Peter/Petra genau?
- Wie viele Zimmer gibt es in seinem/ihrem Haus?
- In welchem Stock ist das Wohnzimmer?
- Wie ist sein/ihr Haus?
- In was für einem Haus wohnt Peter/Petra?
- Was gibt es in seinem/ihrem Schlafzimmer?
- Wie hilft Peter/Petra im Haushalt?
- Was mache er/sie nicht gern?
- Was macht Peter/Petra, um der Umwelt zu helfen?
- Was kann man in dieser Stadt tun?

