

FACTFILE: GCSE GERMAN



Reading 1

CONTEXT 1: IDENTITY, LIFESTYLE AND CULTURE



Myself, my family, relationships and choices



Introduction

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

Learning Outcomes

You should be able to:

- understand and respond to different types of written language;
- understand details within texts using high frequency familiar language;
- identify the overall message, key points, details and opinions in a variety of written passages;
- deduce meaning from a variety of written texts (from a range of specified contexts including short narratives, authentic material and unfamiliar material);

- recognise and respond to key information, important themes and ideas in extended written text and authentic sources;
- demonstrate understanding by being able to scan for particular information, organise and present relevant details, draw conclusions in context and recognise implicit meaning where appropriate; and
- translate sentences from German into English.

These lists are neither prescriptive nor exhaustive.

Skills

- Familie: Eltern, Geschwister, Großeltern, Verwandte.
- Beziehungen in der Familie.
- Freunde/Freundinnen.
- Aussehen/Charaktereigenschaften.
- Beruf der Eltern.
- Haustiere.

Preparation

- Read for interest – German magazines and newspapers and short articles on line.
- The learning and revision of vocabulary is essential.
- Learn vocabulary according to topics. There is often a useful list at the end of a unit in your text book and there is a list in the German GCSE Specification which is available on the CCEA website.
- Work together with other members of your class to help one another learn.

- Make out your own vocabulary list, recording gender and plural form of nouns and present tense and past participle of irregular verbs.
- Learn word families, e.g. Die Geburt das Geburtsdatum der Geburtstag die Geburtstagsfeier.

Practice

- Use past papers so that you are familiar with the standard and types of questions.
- Make sure you understand the rubrics which are listed in the German Specification.
- It may help to write a) b) c) etc. in the margin against the area of the text where you see the answer.
- Take account of the number of marks given in brackets at the end of each question. This is a useful guide to the amount of detail required.
- Make sure that you answer in the correct language.
- Attempt all questions. Do not leave blanks. If necessary, have a good guess.
- In the Revision Section there are some practice sentences. They are not connected in any way, but they contain vocabulary, most of which is to be found in the Vocabulary List in the German GCSE Specification. Do not look at the solutions below and use the sentences as revision practice.

- My grandfather is over seventy.
- I resemble my mother because I have black wavy hair.
- My older brother is not as tall as I am.
- I think that my parents are helpful and patient.
- I get on well with my cousin because he is always in a good mood.
- Of course I can rely on my friends.
- Now and again I argue with my brothers and sisters.
- I am neither selfish nor mean.

Revision

- Mein Opa ist über siebzig Jahre alt.
- Ich sehe meiner Mutter ähnlich, denn ich habe schwarze wellige Haare.
- Mein älterer Bruder ist nicht so groß wie ich.
- Ich finde, dass meine Eltern hilfsbereit und geduldig sind.
- Ich verstehe mich gut mit meinem Cousin, weil er immer gut gelaunt ist.
- Natürlich kann ich mich auf meine Freunde verlassen.
- Ab und zu streite ich mich mit meinen Geschwistern.
- Ich bin weder egoistisch noch gemein.

