

FACTFILE: GCSE GERMAN



Reading 3

CONTEXT 1: IDENTITY, LIFESTYLE AND CULTURE



Free time, leisure and daily routine



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

- Freizeit/Freizeitaktivitäten z.B. lesen, fernsehen, Musik, Sport, Kino, mit Freunden herumhängen, faulzen.
- Hobbys z.B. Computerspiele, malen, stricken, nähen.
- der Tagesablauf z.B. aufstehen, sich duschen, frühstücken, ...nach Hause kommen, zu Abend essen, Hausaufgaben machen, sich entspannen, zu Bett gehen.

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, 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. fernsehen die Fernsehsendung der Fernseher.

Practice

- Use past papers so that you are familiar with the standard and types of questions.
- Make sure that 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 both familiar and more challenging 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 favourite TV programme is a Detective series, but I do not like cartoons.
 - Next weekend I will go to the library to borrow books.
 - I like reading a magazine better than a book.
 - Last weekend I bought new sunglasses.
 - When I was younger I had to get up at half past six.
 - I could not get to sleep although I was tired.
 - In my opinion breakfast is the most important meal.
 - Every morning I wait for my friends at the tram stop.

Revision

- Meine Lieblingssendung ist ein Krimi, aber Zeichentrickfilme mag ich nicht.
- Nächstes Wochenende werde ich zur Bibliothek gehen um Bücher auszuleihen.
- Ich lese lieber eine Zeitschrift als ein Buch.
- Letztes Wochenende habe ich eine neue Sonnenbrille gekauft.
- Als ich jünger war, musste ich um halb sieben aufstehen.
- Ich konnte nicht einschlafen, obwohl ich müde war.
- Meiner Meinung nach ist das Frühstück die wichtigste Mahlzeit.
- Jeden Morgen warte ich an der Straßenbahnhaltestelle auf meine Freunde.

