

# FACTFILE: GCSE GERMAN



## Reading 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:

- 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

- 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;
- Umwelt.

#### 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. die Erde die Erderwärmung.

## 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 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 house is very comfortable. The kitchen is on the ground floor.
  - I have a bedroom of my own. I like that very much.
  - I was allowed to choose the curtains myself.
  - The wardrobe is opposite the book shelf and beside the table.
  - The leisure facilities in my town are excellent.
  - But unfortunately we do not have an ice rink.
  - In Autumn it is often overcast and windy.
  - It annoys me that my brother does not have to help in the house. I have to tidy up and iron.

## Revision

- Mein Haus ist sehr praktisch. Die Küche ist im Erdgeschoss.
- Ich habe ein eigenes Schlafzimmer Das gefällt mir sehr gut.
- Ich durfte die Vorhänge selbst wählen.
- Der Kleiderschrank ist gegenüber dem Bücherregal und neben dem Tisch.
- Die Freizeitmöglichkeiten in meiner Stadt sind ausgezeichnet.
- Leider haben wir aber keine Schlittschuhbahn.
- Im Herbst ist es oft bedeckt und windig.
- Es ärgert mich, dass mein Bruder nicht im Haushalt helfen muss. Ich muss aufräumen und bügeln.

