

FACTFILE: GCSE GERMAN



Writing 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:

- communicate in writing for a variety of purposes;
- write short texts, using simple sentences and familiar language to convey meaning and exchange information;
- translate sentences from English into German to convey key messages accurately and to apply grammatical knowledge of language and structures in context;
- produce clear and coherent extended text to present facts and express ideas and opinions for different purposes and in different settings;

- make accurate use of a variety of vocabulary and grammatical structures;
- manipulate the language, using and adapting a variety of structures and vocabulary with accuracy and fluency for new purposes (including using appropriate style and register); and
- make independent and creative use of the language to identify key points, express and justify their thoughts and points of view.

These lists are neither prescriptive nor exhaustive.

Skills

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

Preparation

- In this paper you are being tested on your ability to write accurate German and show your knowledge of grammar.
- Focus on these areas: spelling of words, verbs, word order, case system.
- As this topic is partly based on description focus on the following **verb forms**:

Ich	er sie	wir	sie (Plural)
bin	ist	sind	sind
habe	hat	haben	haben
verstehe/ streite mich	versteht/ streitet sich	verstehen/ streiten uns	verstehen/ streiten sich

- Focus on these forms of **mein** in the Nominative Case, as the subject of the sentence:

mein Vater	meine Mutter
mein Kaninchen	meine Eltern

- Focus on these endings of **ein+ adjective in Nominative Case**:

Mein Vater ist ein lustiger Mann
Meine Mutter ist eine lustige Frau

- Focus on these endings after the preposition **mit** (which needs **Dative Case**):

Use it as a pattern for other prepositions which need Dative Case after them, e.g. von, bei

Ich verstehe mich mit meinem älteren Bruder
mit meiner älteren Schwester
mit meinen Eltern

Practice

- Use past papers.
- Make sure you understand why corrections have been made to your written work.
- In the Revision section there are sentences to be translated into German. Do not look at the solutions below as you work on these sentences.
 - Ich verstehe mich gut mit meinem jüngeren Bruder, weil er immer fröhlich ist.
 - Meine Tante hat schwarze schulterlange Haare und braune Augen.
 - Meine Mutter ist weder launisch noch ungeduldig.
 - Ich bin noch nicht so groß wie mein Vater.
 - großzügig, fleißig, ehrlich, gemein, geschwätzig, gesellig, schüchtern, hilfsbereit.

Revision

- I get on well with my younger brother because he is always happy.
- My aunt has black shoulder-length hair and brown eyes.
- My mother is neither moody nor impatient;
- I am not yet as tall as my father.
- generous, hard-working, honest, mean, chatty, sociable, shy, helpful.

