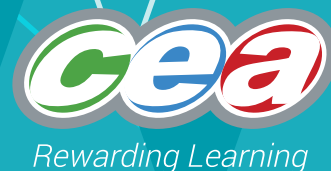


FACTFILE: GCSE GERMAN



Writing 4

CONTEXT 1: IDENTITY, LIFESTYLE AND CULTURE



Culture, customs, festivals and celebrations



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

- Geburtstag.
- Geburtstagsfeier.
- Weihnachten/Silvester.
- Ostern.
- Karneval/Fasching/Halloween.

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.
- Useful **verbs** for this topic:

Infinitive	Present Tense	Past Tense
schenken	ich schenke/er/sie schenkt	ich habe/er/sie hat geschenkt
geben	ich gebe/er/sie gibt	ich habe/er/sie hat gegeben
bekommen	ich bekomme/er/sie bekommt	ich habe/er/sie hat bekommen

- Focus on these rules for **Word Order**:

The **verb** is the second idea in the sentence:

Inversion needed:

weil sends verb to the end of the clause.

Ich **bekomme** gern Geschenke zu Weihnachten.

Zu Weihnachten **bekomme** ich gern Geschenke.

Weihnachten gefällt mit,

weil ich gern Geschenke **bekomme**.

Past participle is placed at the end of the sentence:

Ich habe viele Geschenke **bekommen**.

- Focus on these **endings of ein+ adjective**:

Ich habe **einen schönen Pulli** bekommen.

eine schöne Jacke

ein schönes Hemd

schöne Schuhe

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 habe am dreizehnten März Geburtstag.
 - Ich habe ein neues Fahrrad zu Weihnachten bekommen.
 - Meine Oma hat mir ein Handy geschenkt/gegeben.
 - Ich habe meinem Vater Rasierwasser geschenkt.
 - Ich mag Weihnachten, weil meine Geschwister zu Hause sind.

Revision

- My birthday is on the 13th March.
- I got a new bike for Christmas.
- My grandmother gave me a mobile phone.
- I gave my father aftershave.
- I like Christmas because my brothers and sisters are at home.

