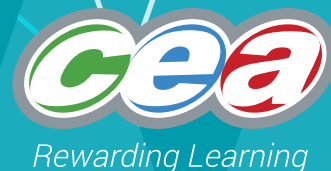


# FACTFILE: GCSE GERMAN



## Writing 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:

- 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

- 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

- In this topic you may be asked to describe where you live and what is in your house, e.g. your bedroom.
- Focus on **in and dative case** of Indefinite Article  
**ein, eine:**

Ich wohne in **einem** großen **Bungalow**  
in **einem** großen **Haus** auf **dem** **Lande**  
in **einer** kleinen **Wohnung** in **der** **Stadt/Stadtmitte**

- Focus on prepositions, e.g. **neben, gegenüber, vor + dative case** of **definite article**  
**der, die das:**

Das Bett ist gegenüber **dem** **Kleiderschrank/dem** **Bücherregal**  
Das Bett ist **neben dem** **Tisch/dem** **Fenster**  
Der Spiegel ist **an der** **Wand**

- Focus on **verb** forms in **Present and Past tense**, e.g. describing helping at home:

Ich wasche ab/er/sie wäscht ab; ich habe/er/sie hat abgewaschen  
Ich räume auf/er/sie räumt auf; ich habe/er/sie hat aufgeräumt

- Focus on **Accusative Case** after **es gibt**, e.g. describing your town:

In meiner Stadt gibt es **einen** **Bahnhof**, **eine** **Bibliothek** und **ein** **Museum**.  
In meiner Stadt gibt es **einen** **neuen** **Bahnhof**, **eine** **neue** **Bibliothek** und **ein** **neues** **Museum**.

## 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.
  - Es gibt einen schönen Dom in unserer Stadt.
  - Die Waschmaschine ist gegenüber dem Kühlschrank in der Küche.
  - Im ersten Stock gibt es drei große Schlafzimmer.
  - Heute Morgen habe ich mein Bett gemacht und den Tisch für das Frühstück gedeckt.
  - Meine Familie wohnt in einem modernen Doppelhaus.

## Revision

- There is a beautiful cathedral in our town.
- The washing machine is opposite the fridge in the kitchen.
- On the first floor there are three large bedrooms.
- This morning I made my bed and laid the table for breakfast.
- My family lives in a modern semi-detached house.

