

German

Pre-Course Task

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Task and Resources Required

1. Look at these recommended websites and revise these vital aspects of grammar and practise them in the table below – the last five are your own choice – be creative!
 - a) The present tense (regular verbs & the irregular verbs – essen / lesen / fahren ...)
 - b) Modal verbs
 - c) The past tense (perfect tense)
 - d) The future tense

WORD ORDER

- a) Inversion and b) Subordinating conjunctions
2. Bring a folder of evidence that this work has been done to the first lesson in year 12. A sound basis in grammar is crucial when starting the A Level course. This, coupled with a dedication to independent study and being very organised, is the key to success in this subject.
3. Write at least 250 words in German about how you spent the summer holidays and what your plans are for your studies in the sixth form: what have you chosen to study and why? This will require you to use the past and future tense. Make sure you structure your work with paragraphs. Show that you can use link words like 'weil, obwohl' and use a wide range of opinions. Try to be adventurous without forgetting your grammar. If you play it safe, we will not know what gaps you have in your knowledge.

Handy hint: do something every day to keep your language going.

The main reason people find A-level study a big step is because they have gone the whole summer without speaking, listening or reading anything in the language, and it has simply been forgotten. You are great at English because you speak, listen, read and probably write a bit of it every day, so that's just what you have to do in the foreign language too.

Resources

- www.languagesonline.org.uk
- <https://www.bbc.co.uk/bitesize/topics/zk92tfr>
- www.german.net
- www.verbix.com

Here are some tips of small things to do every few days during the summer to keep your language skills top notch:

- Do some regular practice on Quizlet
<https://quizlet.com/504259790/transition-vocabulary-opinions-flash-cards/>
<https://quizlet.com/505267717/transition-vocabulary-adjectives-flash-cards/>
- Watch a film with subtitles or in the foreign language. We recommend Goodbye Lenin (a set text). Plus there are great boxsets on Netflix as well as for free on All4 (e.g. Deutschland 83). On the Goethe Institut website use OnLeihe and sign up here to rent films for free with English subtitles. <https://www.goethe.de/ins/gb/en/kul/ser/onl.html>
- Read an article online and aim to read a book in German over the holidays. If you could get started on Ich fuehle mich so 50/50 that would give you a head start!
- Work on www.duolingo.com/ to reinforce the basics

Infinitive	Present 3 rd pers	Past (perfect)
1. spielen	Er/ sie spielt	Ich habe... gespielt
2. essen		
3. trinken		
4. gehen		
5. schwimmen		
6. fahren		
7. lesen		
8. denken		
9. laufen		
10. schreiben		
11. haben		
12. sein		
13. sprechen		
14. sehen		
15. machen		
16. reden		
17. Üben		
18. fliegen		
19. bleiben		
20. werfen		
21.		
22.		
23.		
24.		
25.		

Past Tense auxiliary verbs

Finish table below. This will be important to get these verb forms correct.

	Haben	Sein
Ich	habe	bin
Wir/ sie		
Er/ sie		
Ihr		
Sie (you polite)		

Future Tense

Modal verb = infinitive at the end of the sentence e.g. Ich kann Fussball spielen. Fill in this table so you can vary your use of the future tense.

	Ich (1 st person)	Er/ sie 3 rd person
werden	Ich werde	Er wird
können		
müssen		
dürfen		
mögen		

