



A LEVEL German Bridging Unit 2021



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Getting ready for AS German

We are very pleased to welcome you to the AS German course. There is a natural progression from GCSE to AS Level and many of the AS topics build upon your GCSE knowledge.

Language skills need to be practised – if you don't use it, you lose it! It is very important that you don't forget everything you've learnt over the summer!!

In order to be fully prepared for September, please work through the tasks in the booklet. Some of the tasks are designed to revise GCSE topics which will form the basis of AS topics. There are also grammar tasks and some activities to help you to develop your cultural awareness.

- Try to do something most days and certainly, at least 1 hour per week on average
- Do not leave it until the last minute

Please keep all of your GCSE exercise books and notes.

Getting organised for AS

Please get equipped with the following before September

- A ring binder
- Subject dividers: one for each topic area, a grammar section, written tasks and essays/articles/authentic sources/independent work. Plastic wallets will also be useful to help to get you organised.
- A good German dictionary (eg an Oxford-Duden Dictionary)
- Stationary: pens, pencils and highlighter pens



Task 1 – Check you can use a range of verbs in different tenses.

Fill in the gaps in the verb tables! “haben”, “sein” and “werden” are particularly important, as they are the building blocks for other tenses. Make sure you remember the meaning of each of the subjects as well.

If you really don't know where to start when filling these in, refresh yourself here:

<https://coerll.utexas.edu/gg/> <https://www.nthuleen.com/teach/grammar.html>

haben

Subject	Present	Perfect	Imperfect	Future
ich	habe			werde....haben
du		hast....gehabt		
er/sie/es/man				
wir			hatten	
ihr	habt			
Sie/sie				

sein

Subject	Present	Perfect	Imperfect	Future
ich			war	
du	bist			
er/sie/es/man		ist....gewesen		
wir	sind			
ihr				
Sie/sie		sind....gewesen		werden....sein

werden

Subject	Present	Perfect	Imperfect	Future
ich			wurde	
du				wirst....werden
er/sie/es/man				
wir		sind....geworden		
ihr				
Sie/sie	werden			

spielen

Subject	Present	Perfect	Imperfect	Future
ich	spiele		spielte	
du			spieltest	
er/sie/es/man				
wir	spielen			
ihr		habt.....gespielt		
Sie/sie				werden....spielen

machen

Subject	Present	Perfect	Imperfect	Future
ich				
du				
er/sie/es/man				
wir				
ihr				
Sie/sie				

fahren

Subject	Present	Perfect	Imperfect	Future
ich		bin....gefahren		
du				
er/sie/es/man			fuhr	
wir				
ihr				
Sie/sie				

gehen

Subject	Present	Perfect	Imperfect	Future
ich				
du				
er/sie/es/man				
wir				
ihr				
Sie/sie				

Task 3 – Vocabulary Brainstorms: Write lots of words and phrases for each of these topics (they are all AS topics and you will know plenty of vocabulary from GCSE!)



Fernsehen



Musik



das Internet

Task 4 – Revise opinion phrases – how many of these do you know?

Meiner Meinung nach	In my opinion....
Ich bin der Meinung, dass	I am of the opinion that
.....gefällt mir (nicht).	I (don't) like...
Ich interessiere mich (nicht) für....	I am (not) interested in
dafür (sein)	(to be) in favour of something
dagegen (sein)	(to be) against/opposed to something
das ist mir egal	it doesn't matter, it's all the same to me
es kommt darauf an, ob ...	it depends on whether ...
meiner Erfahrung nach	in my experience
Ich muss zugeben, dass	I must admit that
Ich kann mir vorstellen, dass	I can imagine that
deshalb denke ich, dass	therefore I think, that
ich bin (nicht) davon überzeugt, dass	I am (not) convinced that

Try to learn these for September. They will be very useful.

Task 5 – Read an article from a German newspaper or website

Choose a topic that interests you (e.g. a film or sport you like)

Here are some useful websites for some German:

<https://www.dw.com/de/deutsch-lernen/deutsch-aktuell/s-2146>

<https://www.goethe.de/de/index.html>

<https://www.deutsch-perfekt.com/> (There are lots of articles available without needing to sign up.

There are also interesting podcasts and language and grammar exercises/ information)

<https://www.quarks.de/>

Don't expect to understand every word. You might only recognise a few words or sentences. It doesn't matter as you are still developing your language skills.

Interesting words/phrases

Worum handelt es sich? What is it about ?

Task 6 – Watch the German news (via the internet)

Try to get the gist of what is being said.

You won't understand everyone – don't worry. It's very fast!

Here are some great websites for news bulletins:

<https://www.dw.com/de/deutsch-lernen/nachrichten/s-8030>

<https://www.quarks.de/>

<https://www.tagesschau.de/>

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Task 9 – Complete the following ‘diary’ in German for each week of the summer holidays.

What did you do? Why? What was your opinion? It doesn't matter how uninteresting the week was, find something impressive to write in the past in German.

	Was hast du gemacht? – What did you do?
Woche 1	
Woche 2	
Woche 3	
Woche 4	
Woche 5	
Woche 6	