

Willkommen in Deutsch GCSE 2016-2018

German GCSE is now scored
from 1 – 9.

There is also NO
Controlled Assessment

But there will be 4 exams instead
at the end of Year 11

Paper 1:-

1GN01F/H

Listening and understanding in German

Taken in exam
period in Year 11

25% of your GCSE
50 marks available

Foundation

- 35 mins plus 5 mins reading time
- Section A = English
- Section B = German

Higher

- 45 mins plus 5 mins reading time
- Section A = German
- Section B = English

Paper 2:-

1GN02F/H

Speaking in German

Taken at school
between April and
May in Year 11

25% of your GCSE
70 marks available

Task 1 – role play based on one topic

Task 2 – questions based on a picture on one topic

**Task 3 – conversation based on two themes; one theme selected by
you and one selected by the exam board**

Foundation

7-9 mins with 12 minutes
preparation time

Higher

10-12 minutes with 12
minutes preparation time

Paper 3:-

1GN03F/H

Reading and Understanding in German

Taken in exam
period in Year 11

25% of your GCSE
50 marks available

Section A – is answered in English with questions in English

Section B – is answered in German with questions in German

**Section C – translation from German to English with instructions in
English**

Foundation
45 minutes

Higher
1 hour

Paper 4:-

1GN04F/H

Writing in German

Taken in exam
period in Year 11

25% of your GCSE
60 marks available

Assessed on ability to write for different purposes and audiences

Will need to express a variety of different ideas and opinions

Instructions are in German

Word Counts provided for each question

Foundation

1 hour and 10 minutes
Three open responses
1 translation into German

Higher

1 hour and 20 minutes
Two open responses
1 translation into German

Other Information

- All exams have to be taken in the same year – i.e. at the end of Year 11
- All exams have to be taken in the same tier – i.e. all foundation or all higher
 - All exams will cover any of the 5 topics covered during the course
- All exams will make reference to the country or countries where the language is spoken – therefore it is important that you have an awareness of Germany and other German speaking countries and their cultures.
- The exams will use authentic material – i.e. adverts, poems, literary texts, emails, text messages – therefore it is important that you familiarise yourselves as much as possible with authentic material.
 - NO DICTIONARIES are allowed in any of the 4 exams



Topic 1: Identity and culture

- Who am I? relationships, friends and family, interests, role models
- Daily life: food, shopping, social media and technology
- Cultural life: celebrations and festivals, music, sport reading, TV

Topic 2: Local area, holiday and travel

- Holidays: preferences and experiences
- Travel and being a tourist: directions, accommodation, asking for help
- Town, region and country: weather, places to see, things to do

Topic 3: School

- What school is like: school types, school day, school subjects, rules and pressure, success.
- School activities: events, trips and exchanges

Topic 4: Future aspirations, study and work

- Languages outside the classroom
- Ambitions: further study, volunteering, training
- Work: jobs, careers, professions,

Topic 5: International and global dimension

- Bringing the world together: sporting events, music events, campaigns and good causes
- Environment: being 'green', access to natural resources



Additional Information

- Timings for the speaking are recommended as below
- Task 1 will cover topics 1-4 but would not be topic 5 – however task 2 and 3 could be so this topic will still need to be revised and covered for the speaking exam.

Foundation

7-9 mins with 12 minutes
preparation time

Task 1: - Role play

1 min to 1min 30sec (10 marks)

Task 2: - Picture

2 min 30 sec to 3 mins (24 marks)

Task 3: - Conversation

3 min 30 sec to 4 mins 30 sec (36
marks)

Higher

10-12 minutes with 12 minutes
preparation time

Task 1: - Role play

2 mins to 2min 30sec (10 marks)

Task 2: - Picture

3 mins to 3 mins 30 sec (24
marks)

Task 3: - Conversation

5 mins to 6 mins (36 marks)



Additional Information

For each task on the speaking exam there is a separate mark scheme.

Task 1: Role play (10 marks)

A score between 0-2 for each prompt that is on the role play card.
There will be 5 prompts on each role play card

Task 2: Picture Card (24 marks)

There are two areas of the mark scheme:

1. Communication and Content (0-16 marks)
2. Linguistic knowledge and accuracy (0-8 marks)

Task 3: Conversation (36 marks)

There are two areas of the mark scheme:

1. Communication and Content (0-12 marks)
2. Interaction and Spontaneity (0-12 marks)
3. Linguistic knowledge and accuracy (0-12 marks)



Additional Information

- The writing paper is designed to allow you to show off exactly how well you understand German, can give opinions, use tenses and manipulate the language.

Foundation

Q1: tests your ability to describe and give opinions

Q2: note down key points and convey information. Must use the formal register.

Q3: Pick one from a choice of two. Narrate, give opinions and convince reader. Use informal register.

Q4: Translate 5 sentences into German

Higher

Q1: Pick one from a choice of two. Narrate, give opinions and convince reader. Use informal register.

Q2: Pick one from a choice of two. Note down key points and convey information and justify ideas. Must use the formal register.

Q3: Translate a short passage from English into German.



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- The writing paper is designed to allow you to show off exactly how well you understand German, can give opinions, use tenses and manipulate the language.

Foundation

Q1: 12 marks

Communication and content: 6 marks

Linguistic knowledge and accuracy: 6 marks

Q2: 16 marks

Communication and content: 8 marks

Linguistic knowledge and accuracy: 8 marks

Q3: 20 marks

Communication and content: 12 marks

Linguistic knowledge and accuracy: 8 marks

Q4: 12 marks

a), b) and c) will be marked out of 2

d) And e) will be marked out of 3

Higher

Q1: 20 marks

Communication and content: 12 marks

Linguistic knowledge and accuracy: 8 marks

Q2: 28 marks

Communication and content: 16 marks

Linguistic knowledge and accuracy: 12 marks

Q3: 12 marks

Translation: 12 marks

Du bist d'ran!

Read over the information we have just noted down about the GCSE.

Spend 5 minutes now thinking of a minimum of 5 questions to ask the person next to you about your German GCSE.

The trickier the better – you want to test how much attention they have been paying.

German GCSE Quiz: - How much do you know about your GCSE?

1. How many exams will you take at the end of year 11 (April-June)?
2. What percentage is the listening worth of your whole GCSE?
3. How many marks is the writing paper out of?
4. On which paper will you have to translate from German to English?
5. How much is the controlled assessment worth?
6. How many marks is the role play on the speaking assessment worth?
7. What are the three different sections of the speaking exam?
8. On which paper will you have to translate from English to German?

German GCSE Quiz: - How much do you know about your GCSE?

1. How many exams will you take at the end of year 11 (April-June)? **4 – one for each of the skills.**
2. What percentage is the listening worth of your whole GCSE? **25%**
3. How many marks is the writing paper out of? **60 marks.**
4. On which paper will you have to translate from German to English?
Reading paper.
5. How much is the controlled assessment worth? **TRICK QUESTION – NOTHING! Because there is no more controlled assessment.**
6. How many marks is the role play on the speaking assessment worth?
10 marks.
7. What are the three different sections of the speaking exam? **Role play, picture card and conversation.**
8. On which paper will you have to translate from English to German?
The writing paper.