

A Level German – Suggested Summer Reading List

Welcome to A Level German - we are delighted that you have chosen it! The step from GCSE up to A Level is quite a big one, but if you prepare thoroughly over the summer then you shouldn't need to worry. Alongside completing your workbook, here are some suggestions to improve your German.

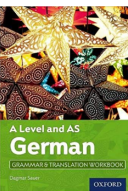
Watching the news for 5-10 minutes per day will immeasurably improve your understanding.

Books



Xenophobe's guide to the Germans by Stefan Zeidenitz and Ben Barko. A light hearted look at German culture.

German Short Stories for Beginners by Olly Richards and Ally Rawlings. A gentle introduction to literature!



German short stories by Ernst Zillekens. Harder short stories, but contains parallel translations.

AQA German Grammar & Translation Workbook by Dagmar Sauer contains explanations of key grammar points, following by exercises to test yourself, with an answer key at the back.

Free

Podcasts

YOUNG GERMAN

Your career, education and lifestyle guide



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Goethe Institute – Podcasts, videos, texts related to past/present A level topic areas.

<http://www.goethe.de/ins/gb/lon/prj/asa/top/enindex.htm>

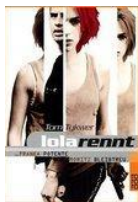
Young Germany – Access to a variety of podcasts about life in Germany.

<http://www.young-germany.de/topic/work/language-communication/pump-up-your-german-with-podcasts>

Deutsche Welle – Langsam gesprochene Nachrichten – News reports slowed down.

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

TV & Film



Lola Rennt – The film that ignited an interest in German films. A post MTV roller coaster ride about two star crossed lovers who only have minutes to change the course of their lives.

Goodbye Lenin – The film begins in East Berlin before the end of communism, and then continues after a period of some years when the Berlin Wall has fallen. A comedic look at the change from totalitarianism to a free market economy.

Türkisch für Anfänger – A story of two single parent families, one Muslim the other Christian, whose parents get together and the resulting chaos that ensues in their families.

These, and more, are available in the library.

Websites

Go to www.lingro.com and paste the URL of a webpage there – Lingro makes the page 'clickable', so that you can click on any vocabulary you don't know and it will look it up for you!

Download the linguascope Newshound app – it provides summarised news stories in German.