

German Speaking

The purpose of this booklet is to support your child prepare for their GCSE German Speaking exam.

This booklet is a summary of all the content that your child needs to revise vocabulary and structures for, and also includes ways of practising their German speaking skills and improving their confidence in this skill. Although the booklet is by no means a guarantee and only a starting point to help you and your child manage their revision for this exam, it will make a significant contribution to their success.

This booklet should be used as a checklist so that you can help your child plan their revision and practice. Ideally topics should be worked through at random and use a priority red, amber, green system to prioritise areas to work on.

I hope that you enjoy using this booklet to help check your child's understanding of the topics that they have completed. Should you have any questions please do not hesitate to contact me at Irichardson@whickhamschool.org

Danke schön und viel Glück from the German department!

Exam structure:

		Foundation	Higher
Speaking	25% of GCSE	7-9 minutes / 60 marks	10-12 minutes / 60 marks

Questions:

1. Role play (any topic)
2. Photo card (describe a picture from theme 1 or 3)
3. General conversation (questions on Theme 2 + 1 more theme)

In the speaking exam, pupils will be tested on their ability to communicate ideas from the following topics and subtopics. They will also be assessed on their quality of language (range of vocabulary, grammatical structures, accuracy, as well as pronunciation and fluency)

To help them prepare for their speaking exam, you can test them on their own personal answers to these key questions that they have studied over the GCSE course. Encourage them to give at least 3 details per question to extend their answers.

Theme 1: Identity and culture

1. **Wie bist du?** Describe yourself
2. **Beschreib deine Familie** Describe your family
3. **Hast du einen besten Freund / eine beste Freundin?** Do you have a best friend?
4. **Hörst du gern Musik?** Do you like listening to music?
5. **Was machst du gern in deiner Freizeit?** What do you do in your free time?
6. **Wofür benutzt du dein Handy?** What do you use your phone for?
7. **Benutzt du oft soziale Netzwerken?** Do you use social media often?
8. **Was hast du letztes Wochenende mit deiner Familie gemacht?** What did you do last weekend with your family?
9. **Möchtest du heiraten und Kinder haben?** Would you like to get married and have children?
10. **Was machst du nächstes Wochenende mit Freunden?** What will you do next weekend with your friends?

Theme 2: Local, national, international and global areas of interest

1. **Wo wohnst du?** Where do you live?
2. **Beschreib dein Haus/Zimmer** Describe your house/room
3. **Was gibt es in deiner Stadt ?** What is there in your town?
4. **Was sind die größte Umweltprobleme?** What are the biggest environmental problems?
5. **Was machst du, um die Umwelt zu helfen?** What do you do to help the environment?
6. **Was machst du, um fit zu bleiben?** What do you do to stay healthy?
7. **Was hast du letztes Wochenende in deiner Stadt gemacht?** What did you do in your town last weekend?

8. Wohin bist du letztes Jahr auf Urlaub gefahren? Where did you go on holiday last year? (say who with, when, how, what you did)

9. Wo wirst du nächstes Jahr fahren? Where will you go next year?

10. Wo möchtest du in der Zukunft wohnen? Where would you like to live in the future?

Extension

1. Wie wäre dein idealer Urlaub? what would your ideal holiday be like?

2. Was hast du neulich gemacht, um die Umwelt zu helfen? what have you done recently to help the environment?

4. Was sind die Vor- und Nachteile von dem Leben in der Stadt oder auf dem Land? what are the advantages/disadvantages of living in the town/country?

5. Was sind die größte Probleme für die Gesellschaft? Was sollten wir darum machen? What are the biggest problems in society? what should we do about them?

Theme 3: Current and future study and employment

1. Was ist dein Lieblingsfach? What is your favourite subject?

Was lernst du nicht gern? What don't you like learning at school?

2. Wie findest du die Lehrer von Whickham School? What do you think of the teachers?

3. Wie findest du deine Schuluniform? Do you wear a school uniform? what do you think of it?

4. Gibt es zu viele Schulregeln? Was ist deine Meinung dazu? Are there lots of rules at school - what do you think of them?

5. Beschreib dein(e) Lieblingslehrer(in). Describe your favourite teacher

6. Was sind die Unterschiede zwischen die Schule in Deutschland und England? What are the differences between German and English schools (where would you prefer to go to school?)

7. Was hast du gestern in der Schule gemacht? What did you do at school yesterday?

8. Was wirst du nach der Prüfungen machen? What will you do after the exams?

10. Welchen Beruf möchtest du? Warum? Which job would you like and why?

11. Beschreib deine ideale Schule Describe your ideal school

What should your child do to practise and improve their speaking exam in German?

- Prepare answers to the questions for each theme.
- Practice role plays and photocards.
- Learn question words - they will be expected to ask one question in the role play and another during the general conversation.
- Extend answers, go beyond the bare minimum. (3 details per answer in the photo and general conversation)
- Have a transferable toolkit – phrases you can use for any topic.
- Use flashcards.
- Record themselves.
- Make a study group with friends and practise
- Practise speaking aloud!

In the exam:

- Use the 12 minutes of preparation time well - Make good, clear notes for the role play and photo card
- Answer all the questions
- Speak confidently and clearly
- Ask for help / repetition in German if they haven't understood