

German Writing

The purpose of this booklet is to support your child prepare for their GCSE German Writing 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 writing 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 Ir Richardson@whickhamschool.org

Danke schön und viel Glück from the German department!

Exam structure:

		Foundation	Higher
Writing	25% of GCSE	1 hour / 50 marks	1 hour 15 minutes / 60 marks

Questions:

Foundation:

1. Write 4 sentences to describe a photo (8 marks)
2. 40 words (16 marks)
3. 5 sentences to translate into German (10 marks)
4. 90 words (choose 1 of 2 tasks) (16 marks)

Higher:

1. 90 words (choose 1 of 2 tasks) (16 marks)
2. 150 words (choose 1 of 2 tasks) (32 marks)
3. Short paragraph to translate into German (12 marks)

In the writing paper, 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 and accuracy)

To help them prepare for their writing exams, 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 writing skills in German?

At home:

- Make a revision sheet per topic. Use your revision guide / resources given in class to help.
- Have a 'transferable toolkit' – lots of phrases you can adapt for any topic.
- Master past, present and future tenses.
- Learn at least 3 impressive opinion phrases.
- Make sure you know the non negotiable vocabulary.

In the exam:

- Make notes on the bullet points
- Use a checklist and plan your work
- Make sure you cover all bullet points
- Check your work through carefully