



# AS Level German

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Sandra Bullock speaks fluent German and has given many interviews and acceptance speeches in German.



Bill Clinton learnt some German at university and has given parts of speeches in the language.



Renee Zellweger had a Swiss father. It has been reported that she interrupted a German couple making unpleasant comments about her in a Los Angeles restaurant in fluent German.



Kim Cattrall was married to a German man and lived in Frankfurt for a while.

## Topics to be covered in Year 12:

### Term 1

Media (television, advertising)

Healthy Living / Lifestyle (sport /exercise, health and well-being)

Popular culture (cinema)

Family / Relationships (relationships within the family)

### Term 2

Media (communication technology)

Healthy Living / Lifestyle (holidays)

Popular culture (music, fashion/trends)

Family / Relationships (friendship, marriage / partnerships)

### Term 3

Revision and Exam practice

### **Unit 1 Listening, Reading and Writing paper**

70% of AS, 35% of A Level

2 hour written examination

110 marks

### **Unit 2 Speaking test**

30% of AS, 15% of A Level

35 minutes speaking test (including 20 minutes preparation)

50 marks

You will be asked to discuss all four of the topic areas covered during the year.

## Examples of essays:

### Healthy Living / Lifestyle

Schreiben Sie Ihrem Brieffreund / Ihrer Brieffreundin (er / sie treibt keinen Sport) und überzeugen Sie ihn / sie, Ihren Lieblingssport zu machen, wenn er / sie zu Besuch nach Großbritannien kommt. (35 marks)

### Popular culture

Schreiben Sie ihm eine Antwort.

Lieber Tom,

Ich finde, dass alle Filme in Originalsprache mit Untertiteln in Kinos gezeigt werden sollten. Wie findest du das?

Dein Klaus (35 marks)

### Media

Soll Werbung für Alkohol in Deutschland verboten werden? Geben Sie Gründe für Ihre Argumente für oder gegen ein Verbot

(35 marks)

## Useful websites :



### Listening and Reading

[www.spiegel.de](http://www.spiegel.de)

[www.zdf.de](http://www.zdf.de)

[www.welt.de](http://www.welt.de)

[www.sonntagonline.ch](http://www.sonntagonline.ch)

[www.dw-world.de](http://www.dw-world.de)

[www.beelinetv.com](http://www.beelinetv.com)

[www.listenlive.eu/germany](http://www.listenlive.eu/germany)

<http://www.welt.de>

<http://www.spiegel.de>

<http://www.faz.net>

### Grammar

[www.languagesonline.org.uk](http://www.languagesonline.org.uk)

<http://www.nthuleen.com/teach/grammar.html>

[http://www.nelsonthornes.com/secondary/modern\\_lang/bp/default.html](http://www.nelsonthornes.com/secondary/modern_lang/bp/default.html)

- grammarNet

You are expected to have a sound knowledge and understanding of the following grammar topic areas when you arrive in September as we will be building upon these KS4 essentials during year 12 and introducing new specific KS5 grammar points.

- ✚ Present tense
- ✚ Perfect tense
- ✚ Imperfect tense
- ✚ Future tense
- ✚ Conditional tense
- ✚ Reflexive verbs in all tenses
- ✚ Use of adjectives and adjectival agreement
- ✚ Negative structures
- ✚ Superlatives and comparatives
- ✚ Possessive adjectives
- ✚ Quantifiers and intensifiers

We recommend that you purchase the following textbooks for use during your A-Level.

- ✚ AQA AS German Self-Study Guide
- ✚ Zeitgeist Grammar Workbook & CD
- ✚ Wort für Wort New Advanced German Vocabulary book
- ✚ German Verb Wheel
- ✚ Oxford Duden Dictionary

## Employment opportunities for linguists:

Having a good knowledge of a language can greatly improve your prospects in the job prospects. Modern Languages graduates find employment in business, UK and European government, engineering, financial services, media, technology, travel and tourism, voluntary and charitable sectors. There are a small number of jobs where languages are the main requirement e.g. Interpreter, Translator, Teacher. However, there are many more roles where languages are a complementary rather than a key skill. Business and other organisations require people to work across international offices or with non-English speaking customers or clients e.g. Marketing, Sales, Customer Support or Consulting, so languages amongst other skills will be valued. Roles that require strong communication skills like PR, Events Management, Media and Government might also suit the Linguist especially where the business is focused outside of the UK.

## Facts about linguists:

In the latest national data available Modern Language graduates had the lowest unemployment rate of all Arts and Humanities subjects, and this is a continuing trend. There are higher numbers going onto further study and training than into employment when compared with all subjects. 9.1% of modern languages graduates were working outside of the UK in comparison to the national average for all graduates of 1.6%. Modern Language graduates go into a very wide range of employment areas. Around a third of those working are in business and managerial roles such as sales and marketing, management roles in commerce, industry and public sector and business and financial professional roles dispelling any notions that Modern Linguists are not suited to commercial roles. **Source:** University of Bath website.

In the past MFL students from Arden have gone onto the following universities:

The University of Birmingham	Law with French
The University of Oxford	Materials Science
Bath Spa University	Creative Writing
The University of Sheffield	German and Hispanic Studies
The University of Sheffield	German and History
The University of Warwick	German and History
University of Bath	International Management with Spanish
Middlesex University	Primary Education
Nottingham Trent University	International Business
University of Leeds	Medicine
University of Manchester	German with European Studies
Lancaster University	European Management
King's College London	Ancient History
Loughborough University	International Relations
The University of Kent	German
Lancaster University	Psychology
University of Lincoln	English and Journalism
Lancaster University	English Literature, Creative Writing and Practice
University of Warwick	History

- ✚ There are around 300 varieties of bread in Germany.
- ✚ In World War II, a German sub was sunk by a broken toilet.
- ✚ Germans answer the phone with their surname instead of hello.
- ✚ There are more soccer fan clubs in Germany than in any other country.
- ✚ 70 per cent of German highways have no speed limit.
- ✚ Germany claims the distinction of being the fifth biggest economy in the world.
- ✚ The German Johannes Gutenberg developed a technique to print with movable type around 1450.
- ✚ Germans are the second biggest consumers of beer in the world.
- ✚ Gummy Bears were invented by the German Hans Riegel.
- ✚ The biggest festival is called Oktoberfest, but starts in September.

10 FUN FACTS  
ABOUT  
GERMANY

