

A-level German transition work

Make sure you have completed all exercises in your yellow GCSE grammar book so that your knowledge of GCSE grammar is strong before we build on it in Year 12. This must be handed in on the first lesson.

Surround yourself with as much German as possible. This includes material to read and listen to.

Recommended online reading: Start to read online news websites such as <https://www.zdfheute.de/> or [news.ORF.at](https://www.orf.at/).

Recommended online listening: Listen to a German radio station for learners of the German language such as 'deutsche Welle' <https://www.dw.com/>

Grammar practice: BBC Bitesize <https://www.bbc.co.uk/bitesize/subjects/z8j2tfr> . Work through the range of new content on BBC Bitesize German watching the videos and answering questions. Complete all grammar tasks so that GCSE grammar knowledge is well-embedded before the A-level course begins:
<https://www.bbc.co.uk/bitesize/subjects/z8j2tfr>

Online learning: e.g. Quizlet, memrise, <https://www.languagesonline.org.uk/> www.linguascope.com
<https://www.duolingo.com/> . Practise tasks and complete listening exercises.

YouTube / online videos – Find a series that you enjoy watching in English and see if you can find this in German. Many US series are dubbed in German e.g. Friends, the Simpsons etc. Improve your listening and comprehension skills by watching the series / film for a short time and seeing how well you can follow it.

Useful video on the history of Germany

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=27jLfEVCgCw>

Useful video on the Cold War and the GDR

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=IXzODWITWgk>

Clips on living in East Germany/GDR – useful for history part of the course but also in preparation for the film 'Goodbye Lenin'

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=b3MQBCoaloo>

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Z8BojR2BEt8>

Account of Auschwitz - as background for the novel Der Vorleser by Bernhard Schlink

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=3lpTceEE3d8>

Dealing with Germany's war guilt - useful as background to Der Vorleser

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=XeRCEp4XzXI>

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=KBIR5xIVom0>