

Summer work in preparation for A-Level German

1. **For September:** You should prepare an oral presentation on some German cultural aspect you find of interest. This could be a famous person (past or present), a city, a book, music, art, unusual festivals, etc. There is no limit to your imagination. This should be a fairly detailed presentation, focussing on breadth of vocabulary and more specifically accurate use of the language.

The purpose of this activity is to refresh your German before beginning the A-Level course in September, as well as to introduce you to the idea of giving a presentation in a foreign language. You will be given the first 3 weeks back to fine tune the presentation before you present it to the class. You may have notes, but are NOT to read off a script or the slides.

However, if using very difficult words, it might be useful to have the translation on the screen to help the listeners. Remember your audience also wants to understand what you are presenting.

There is no particular time limit, however, please be sure to go into sufficient detail, so as to make it enjoyable. We do not want to listen to 10 people saying over and over again that they love Christmas because it is fun!!

For the presentation itself you can have note cards but not a full script. It is always a bit more interesting for the others if a power point accompanies the presentation. A minimum amount of text should be in the slides, as mistakes detract from the presentation itself.

2. You will also be given a booklet to work through to keep up some of the more basic skills but also to stretch you a bit in terms of simple recognition of tenses, which we will go into more depth in year 12. The booklet also comes with answers, but clearly it is in your best interest to work through each section before checking your work.

Suggestions for extensions:

In order to keep your language fresh and active for September it is highly recommended that you continue to revisit vocabulary using sites or apps you are familiar with such as Quizlet, memrise, Duolingo among others.

Try to enhance your listening skills through watching films with subtitles and/or watching children's series such as Peppa Pig (or Peppa Wutz) You will be amazed at how much vocabulary you can pick up and it is a bit of fun as well!

Children's programmes are also a good way to practise your listening skills. Ones I suggest are 'Kindernachrichten'

<https://kinder.wdr.de/radio/kiraka/nachrichten/klicker/index.html>

and 'Slow news in German' which is literally just that, news which has been spoken at a slower rate.

<https://www.dw.com/en/langsam-gesprochene-nachrichten-learning-german/a-2925601>

Or if you are more interested in sports try this:

<https://www.tsv-schmiden.de/veranstaltungen/kindersportschau>

But you can search up many others!

If you want to start reinforcing your grammar, I recommend buying Schaum's German Grammar book. It has good explanations and exercises with answers to check.