

A Level German at Plymouth High School



Yr11 into Yr12 summer transition task:

1. 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.
2. 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!
3. 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!

4. 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.
5. **For September:** You should prepare an oral presentation on how you spent the summer holidays. This should be a fairly detailed presentation, focussing on breadth of vocabulary and more specifically accurate use of the past tense.

The purpose of these activities 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.

The presentation itself can be read from notes and 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. However, if using very difficult words, it might be useful to have the translation on the screen to help the listeners.

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 slept all summer!!