

St Mary Redcliffe and Temple 6th Form

Year 11 into 12 transition task

Subject: German



SMRT 6th Form takes students from a wide range of schools, who have studied a variety of GCSE syllabuses. We want to ensure that everybody is equally able to access the content of the A Level and so the following tasks give you a chance to ensure you are fully prepared.

At SMRT we have used the AQA syllabus at GCSE. This is accessible from the exam board website, but you should not feel you need to look at it in detail.

To ensure you are ready to fully access the A Level Syllabus you should:

Having a secure understanding of key aspects of German grammar from GCSE will help you get off to a flying start. You need to be as confident as possible with the patterns for the main tenses, word order rules and different pronouns. One of your summer tasks will help you do this.

A big difference between GCSE and A level is the importance of knowing specific information about a German speaking country and its culture so keep an ear and eye out for relevant news stories. Even better, start getting into the habit of listening to or reading something in German online each week for 10 minutes. Again the task will help you with this.

Your Summer Task:

Step 1: Re-inforce it!

1. www.languagesonline.org.uk provides good tasks to practise these key grammatical areas with explanations throughout. Look in the grammar section particularly at the parts on tenses, adjectives, word order, weil clauses and subordinate clauses. This is a free resource and you can log on anytime. A good place to go for clear explanations of German grammar is [here](#).

2. Many of the A level topics will build upon ones you are familiar with already. Its important you take some time to ensure you have a secure vocabulary base from GCSE to bring with you. Here are some links you should use to help you give you a secure foundation for the first term.

[Handys Pro und Kontra](#)

[Family and Relationships](#)

[False friends](#)

[Soziale Netzwerke](#)

[Marriage](#)

[Tricky look-a-likes](#)

[Vital verbs](#)

[Freundschaft](#)

[Time phrases](#)

3. Translation both ways is a key skill at A Level so check your knowledge of grammar and vocab by completing the translations on the 2 accompanying sheets that can be found on the Transition Task web page. You can compare your version with the answers.

Stage 2: Prepare it!

Your first 2 topics will be Family Life in German and Technology in Germany. Below are links to some information about each topic and some key questions. As you read each article, make a list of 20-30 words you have researched that seem to you really useful, then prepare answers to the questions. We've deliberately included some that are probably familiar from GCSE (so you can recycle and show what you know) and some that are more like typical Year 12 level questions. By all means steal some phrases from the online articles or think how you can adapt them. We will use these as our starting point in class.

Das Familienleben in Deutschland

<https://www.deutschland.de/de/topic/leben/wie-familien-in-deutschland-leben>

<https://www.deutschland.de/de/topic/leben/vielfaeltige-lebensformen>

1. Wie ist deine Familie?
2. Kommst du gut mit deiner Familie aus? Warum / Warum nicht?
3. Möchtest du später heiraten? Warum / Warum nicht?
4. Was für Familien gibt es heutzutage in Deutschland?
5. Welche Trends gibt es im Familienleben?
6. Was bedeutet Familie für dich

Technologie in Deutschland

<https://www.deutschland.de/de/topic/kultur/welche-medien-nutzen-jugendliche-in-deutschland>

<https://www.tagblatt.de/Nachrichten/Handynutzung-bei-Kindern-und-Jugendlichen-236957.html>

<https://www.jugendundmedien.ch/digitale-medien.html>

1. Was machst du, wenn du online bist?
2. Was kann man dank des Internets machen?
3. Benutzt du oft Soziale Medien? Warum / Warum nicht?
4. Könntest du ohne dein Handy leben? Warum / Warum nicht?
5. Welche Trends gibt es unter Jugendlichen in Deutschland?
6. Was sind deiner Meinung nach die Vorteile und die Gefahren von Technologie?

Stage 3: Extend it

To get more into what this subject is about at a higher level:

- Deutsche Welle do a slow audio version of the news with a transcript you can follow. It's a great way to develop your listening skills whilst learning about what's going on in Germany and later on in the course we will be studying political and social issues. Look for the link to Langsam gesprochene Nachrichten

<https://www.dw.com/de/deutsch-lernen/deutsch-aktuell/s-2146>.

- To watch short (100 second) news stories, try
<http://www.tagesschau.de/100sekunden/>
- Another idea is to sign up to the Goethe Institut's programme Deutsch für dich. It's a free online course but you do need to sign up with your email details. There are lots of video clips and a variety of different types of activity to go with them, with immediate feedback. Focus on ones for level A2 and B1.

[Deutsch für Dich](#)

- We will also be studying a film in depth. Good ones to watch are

Goodbye Lenin! [trailer](#)
Das Leben der Anderen [trailer](#)
Lola Rennt [trailer](#)
Der Untergang [trailer](#)

- Finally, for something a bit more light-hearted, dip into the Checker Tobi programmes on Youtube.

Wir wünschen Ihnen einen schönen Sommer und freuen uns, Sie zu treffen.