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Your challenge is to complete one task a day to develop your knowledge of German vocabulary and grammar as well as developing your listening /reading skills and cultural knowledge.



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| <p><b>Tag 1</b></p>  <p>Listen to the current Clip of Month and read about the artist: <a href="http://www.goethe.de/ins/us/saf/prj/stg/mus/cli/enin dex.htm">http://www.goethe.de/ins/us/saf/prj/stg/mus/cli/enin dex.htm</a> Which other German artists do you already know? See if you can find some German music on Spotify / YouTube and make a playlist.</p>  | <p><b>Tag 2</b></p>  <p>Have you heard of Oktoberfest? Research what this festival is and see if you can find out what is (or is not!) happening this year. A good starting point...<a href="https://www.dw.com/en/oktoberfest/t-17452936">https://www.dw.com/en/oktoberfest/t-17452936</a></p>   | <p><b>Tag 3</b></p>  <p>Use the following Quizlet link to revise and expand your set of core German verbs: <a href="https://quizlet.com/129343448/german-common-verbs-flash-cards/">https://quizlet.com/129343448/german-common-verbs-flash-cards/</a></p>  | <p><b>Tag 4</b></p>  <p>Watch the news in German! Start by watching news shows for kids as they are shorter/simpler to follow. For today, watch the Logo! news: <a href="https://www.zdf.de/kinder/logo/alle-logo-sendungen-100.html">https://www.zdf.de/kinder/logo/alle-logo-sendungen-100.html</a> Jot down some key stories you hear.</p>  |
| <p><b>Tag 5</b></p>  <p>Explore the fantastic Grimm Grammar website – On this website German grammar is taught through the medium of the Grimm Brothers' Fairy Stories. Lots of the grammar here will be covered as part of the course, but have an explore and see if there is something you can work on: <a href="https://coerll.utexas.edu/gg/index.html">https://coerll.utexas.edu/gg/index.html</a></p> | <p><b>Tag 6</b></p>  <p>Have a go at watching a German film or TV series (Netflix is great for this if you have it!). Some ideas:</p> <p><b>die Welle</b><br/> <b>der Tunnel</b><br/> <b>Almanya</b><br/> <b>die Fetten Jahre sind vorbei</b><br/> <b>das Leben der Anderen</b><br/> <b>Goodbye, Lenin!</b><br/> <b>Dark (Netflix series)</b><br/> <b>Charité (Netflix series)</b><br/> <b>Bad Banks (Channel 4 On Demand)</b></p> <p>Even if you just watch your favourite show dubbed into German, this is better than nothing for your listening skills (and a good confidence building starting point!)</p> | <p><b>Tag 7</b></p>  <p>Read the following article about Oktoberfest (hopefully from your research you will know a bit more!) <a href="http://www.goethe.de/ins/gb/lp/prj/mtg/mat/okt/les/de10612365.htm">http://www.goethe.de/ins/gb/lp/prj/mtg/mat/okt/les/de10612365.htm</a> at the bottom of the page click 'nächste Übung' and complete the multiple choice questions about the text.</p> | <p><b>Tag 8</b></p>  <p>Click on <a href="https://lyricstraining.com/de/play/namika/hellwach/HPTX6w08CP#b7c">https://lyricstraining.com/de/play/namika/hellwach/HPTX6w08CP#b7c</a> and have a go at filling in the gaps as you listen. (Start with beginners' level and work your way up! – beginners' level on choice mode is a good challenge so don't worry too much if about the levels!)</p> |

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| <p><b>Tag 9</b></p>  <p>Research the geography of Germany – look at a map (I love maps!) and identify the main cities, then look at where Germany's main mountains, rivers, coast and other geographical features are. Then do the same for Austria and Switzerland. What do you notice in comparison with the UK? (A good task for any geographers out there, too!)</p>  | <p><b>Tag 10</b></p>  <p>Click on <a href="https://quizlet.com/_1j190u?x=1jqt&amp;i=2o1fc">https://quizlet.com/_1j190u?x=1jqt&amp;i=2o1fc</a> and study this Quizlet set to develop opinion phrases</p>   | <p><b>Tag 11</b></p>  <p>Today's news show is from WDR's KiRAKA radio/news website: <a href="https://kinder.wdr.de/radio/kiraka/nachrichten/klicker/index.html">https://kinder.wdr.de/radio/kiraka/nachrichten/klicker/index.html</a><br/>Jot down some key stories you hear.</p>  | <p><b>Tag 12</b></p>  <p>Click on <a href="https://www.languagesonline.org.uk/Hotpotatoes/germanindex.html#Grammar">https://www.languagesonline.org.uk/Hotpotatoes/germanindex.html#Grammar</a> and complete the top 8 sections (or as many as you can/fancy!)</p>   |
| <p><b>Tag 13</b></p>  <p>Deutsche Welle is a fantastic resource for A level students, with videos in over 30 languages. This means you can watch the same video in English and German. Have a look at the Kultur videos and pick something that interests you to watch (clips tend to be up to one hour, but some shorter). Remember the English equivalent is available too!<br/><a href="https://www.dw.com/de/t-hemen/kultur/s-1534">https://www.dw.com/de/t-hemen/kultur/s-1534</a></p> | <p><b>Tag 14</b></p>  <p>One of the best things about learning a language is the chance to travel, and one of the best things about travel is the food! Use this website to read about different German food specialities and see if you can have a go at making one!<br/><a href="https://www.traumferienwohnungen.de/reisemagazin/25-typische-deutsche-gerichte-kulinarische-reise-durch-deutschland/">https://www.traumferienwohnungen.de/reisemagazin/25-typische-deutsche-gerichte-kulinarische-reise-durch-deutschland/</a></p> | <p><b>Tag 15</b></p>  <p>Have a look at the lovely Slow German podcast by Annik Rubens. She covers a range of topics and reads her blog entries slowly and clearly, with the transcripts available for free online. This one is about music and has some recommendations at the end:<br/><a href="https://slowgerman.com/2008/04/16/slow-german-024-deutsche-musik/">https://slowgerman.com/2008/04/16/slow-german-024-deutsche-musik/</a></p> | <p><b>Tag 16</b></p>  <p>The German speaking countries are very active and often win medals at both the summer and winter Olympic games. The Bundesliga (football) is famous world wide, but Germany does well at other sports too. Research <i>either</i> the Bundesliga <i>or</i> another sport of your choice.</p>  |
| <p><b>Tag 17</b></p>  <p>Do you know your <b>sein</b> past tense verbs? Check you know how to conjugate <b>sein</b> in full and learn some more examples of when it is used in the past tense<br/><a href="https://quizlet.com/_250acf?x=1jqt&amp;i=2o1fc">https://quizlet.com/_250acf?x=1jqt&amp;i=2o1fc</a></p>   | <p><b>Tag 18</b></p>  <p>The news for today's session is from NDR's site: <a href="https://www.ndr.de/nachrichten/info/podcast4096.html">https://www.ndr.de/nachrichten/info/podcast4096.html</a><br/>See what you can pick out!</p>  | <p><b>Tag 19</b></p>  <p>Look at the University of Wisconsin-Madison's German grammar page – it is designed for absolute beginners at Uni level, but covers topics really clearly and thoroughly for A level study in the UK. Quite extensive, but pick a section to work on/look at: <a href="https://courses.dcs.wisc.edu/wp/readinggerman/">https://courses.dcs.wisc.edu/wp/readinggerman/</a></p>  | <p><b>Tag 20</b></p>  <p>Many of you may know Easy German from GCSE - the YouTube channel has a fantastic range of videos with simultaneous subtitles in German and English. Have a look at their YouTube channel and watch a couple of videos of your choice: <a href="https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCbxb2fqe9oNggIAoYqsYOtQ">https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCbxb2fqe9oNggIAoYqsYOtQ</a></p> |

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| <p><b>Tag 21</b></p>  <p>Many well-known fairy stories have their origins in the German language. You will probably know some already, especially if you've watched any Disney films! Have a look at the website Maerchenstern.de and pick one to read through. This is especially good practice at the imperfect tense, which we will cover on the A level course:</p> <p><a href="http://www.maerchenstern.de/maerchen/">http://www.maerchenstern.de/maerchen/</a></p> | <p><b>Tag 22</b></p>  <p>Germany has a strong heritage of classical music, from the Baroque era through to Opera in the modern day. Listen to this Deutsche Welle podcast about Germany's classical music scene, and then listen to a few of the 'classics' yourself.</p> <p><a href="https://www.dw.com/de/d-utschland-das-land-der-klassischen-musik/l-51939967">https://www.dw.com/de/d-utschland-das-land-der-klassischen-musik/l-51939967</a></p> | <p><b>Tag 23</b></p>  <p>Take a Quiz on the Goethe Institute website – there are a few – take your pick!</p> <p><a href="https://www.goethe.de/ins/gb/en/spr/wdl/qui.html">https://www.goethe.de/ins/gb/en/spr/wdl/qui.html</a></p>   | <p><b>Tag 24</b></p>  <p>Create your own Quizlet set with useful words and phrases you have come across on your challenge so far – your own personalised vocab deck of cards! It could be anything from opinions, to idiomatic phrases you've come across, to new verbs. Aim for about 30 words/phrases!</p>                                       |
| <p><b>Tag 25</b></p>  <p>Our final news session is from 'Langsam Gesprochene Nachrichten'. This one isn't aimed at kids, but it is slowed down for German learners. You can also read the text at the same time!</p> <p><a href="https://www.dw.com/de/d-utsch-lernen/nachrichten/s-8030">https://www.dw.com/de/d-utsch-lernen/nachrichten/s-8030</a></p>  | <p><b>Tag 26</b></p>  <p>Go to good old BBC Bitesize and start with the present tense. Work through their tasks to consolidate key grammar before next year.</p> <p><a href="https://www.bbc.co.uk/bitesize/guides/zy3qxsg/revison/1">https://www.bbc.co.uk/bitesize/guides/zy3qxsg/revison/1</a></p>  | <p><b>Tag 27</b></p>  <p>Another useful YouTube channel is "Learn German with Anja". Here is her video on the top 10 mistakes German learners make – watch through (and don't worry if you've made those mistakes this year, you are still learning!)</p> <p><a href="https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=nB2uOICkRE4">https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=nB2uOICkRE4</a></p> | <p><b>Tag 28</b></p>  <p>Look at this link to the European Literature Network, which recommends German literature (in German or in translation) and has a free digital library. Pick something to read over the summer:</p> <p><a href="https://www.goethe.de/ins/gb/en/kul/sup/bks.html">https://www.goethe.de/ins/gb/en/kul/sup/bks.html</a></p> |

Keep a log of how you get on and please feel free to contact Miss Hall (Head of German) at [chall@swchs.net](mailto:chall@swchs.net) if you have any questions or queries.

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