

FACTFILE: GCSE GERMAN



Reading 7

CONTEXT 2: LOCAL, NATIONAL, INTERNATIONAL AND GLOBAL AREAS OF INTEREST



Social and global issues



Introduction

Here are some key points to help you study this topic.

Learning Outcomes

You should be able to:

- understand and respond to different types of written language;
- understand details within texts using high frequency familiar language;
- identify the overall message, key points, details and opinions in a variety of written passages;
- deduce meaning from a variety of written texts (from a range of specified contexts including short narratives, authentic material and unfamiliar material);
- recognise and respond to key information, important themes and ideas in extended written text and authentic sources;

- demonstrate understanding by being able to scan for particular information, organise and present relevant details, draw conclusions in context and recognise implicit meaning where appropriate; and
- translate sentences from German into English.

These lists are neither prescriptive nor exhaustive.

Skills

- Wetter.
- Umwelt.
- Gesundheit und gesunder Lebensstil.
- Gesellschaftliche Themen z.B. Armut Obdachlosigkeit Arbeitslosigkeit freiwillige Arbeit.

Preparation

- Read for interest – German magazines and newspapers and short articles on line.
- The learning and revision of vocabulary is essential.
- Learn vocabulary according to topics. There is often a useful list at the end of a unit in your text book and there is a list in the German GCSE Specification, available on the CCEA website.
- Work together with other members of your class to help one another learn.
- Make out your own vocabulary list, recording gender and plural form of nouns and present tense and past participle of irregular verbs.
- Learn word families, e.g. das Klima der Klimawandel.

Practice

- Use past papers so that you are familiar with the standard and types of questions.
- Make sure you understand the rubrics which are listed in the German Specification.
- It may help to write a) b) c) etc. in the margin against the area of the text where you see the answer.
- Take account of the number of marks given in brackets at the end of each question. This is a useful guide to the amount of detail required.
- Make sure that you answer in the correct language.
- Attempt all questions. Do not leave blanks. If necessary, have a good guess.
- In the Revision Section there are some Practice Sentences. They are not connected in any way, but they contain both familiar and more challenging vocabulary, most of which is to be found in the Vocabulary List in the German GCSE Specification. Do not look at the solutions below and use the sentences as revision practice.
 - Many young people in my church do voluntary work.
 - In our region unemployment is a big problem.
 - The government should do more to help the homeless.
 - My school friends and I do sport in order to remain fit.
 - I have not been well for two days.
 - I have a cold and my head is sore.
 - I think that smoking on the street should be banned.
 - In my opinion we should use solar energy.
 - The consequences of climate change are catastrophic.

Revision

- Viele Jugendliche in meiner Kirche machen freiwillige Arbeit.
- In unserer Region ist Arbeitslosigkeit ein großes Problem.
- Die Regierung sollte mehr tun um Obdachlosen zu helfen.
- Meine Schulfreunde und ich treiben Sport, um fit zu bleiben.
- Mir geht es seit zwei Tagen nicht gut.
- Ich habe eine Erkältung und mein Kopf tut weh.
- Ich denke, dass Rauchen auf der Straße verboten sein sollte.
- Meiner Meinung nach sollten wir Sonnenenergie benutzen.
- Die Folgen des Klimawandels sind katastrophal.

