

FACTFILE: GCSE GERMAN



Reading 8

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



Travel and tourism



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

- Reisen/Urlaub.
- Unterkunft.
- Aktivitäten.
- Spezialitäten.
- Tourismus.

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. reisen das Reisezentrum.

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.

- Last year my family and I spent two weeks in Switzerland.
- We stayed in a 4 star hotel.
- I tried Swiss cheese. I liked it.
- I would like to visit all European countries, especially Poland and Austria.
- When you travel you can get to know the culture of a country.
- Maybe you also have the opportunity to learn the language.
- Experts are worried that skiing damages the environment in the mountains.
- When I have finished my studies I would like to do a world trip/travel round the world.
- That broadens one's horizons.

Revision

- Letztes Jahr haben meine Familie und ich zwei Wochen in der Schweiz verbracht.
- Wir haben in einem Vier-Sterne-Hotel gewohnt.
- Ich habe Schweizer Käse probiert. Er hat mir gut geschmeckt.
- Ich möchte alle europäischen Länder besuchen, besonders Polen und Österreich.
- Wenn man reist, kann man die Kultur eines Landes kennenlernen.
- Vielleicht hat man auch die Gelegenheit/Chance, die Sprache zu lernen.
- Experten machen sich Sorgen, dass Skilaufen der Umwelt in den Bergen schadet.
- Wenn ich mit meinen Studien fertig bin, möchte ich eine Weltreise machen.
- Das erweitert den Horizont.

