



GERMAN STUDENT STUDY CARD #18

USING IDIOMATIC PHRASES FOR EXTENDED WRITING

Introduction

Idiomatic phrases will give a natural feel to your responses when you express yourself in written German.

Assessment

Using idiomatic phrases will be assessed across all aspects of the specification. Extended Writing will also give you the opportunity to demonstrate your knowledge of idioms. Idiomatic language can provide you with the opportunity to access the higher mark bands.

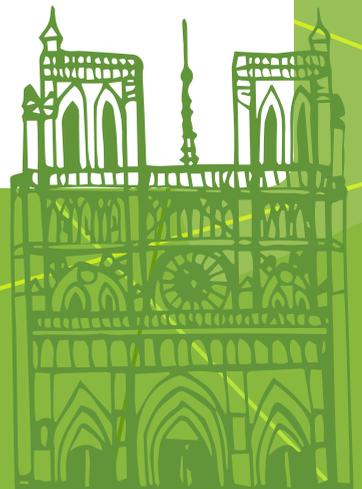
Assessment Objective/s

You will be assessed according to the following criterion:

- A03: manipulate the language accurately and appropriately using a range of lexis and structure.

You should be able to:

- manipulate the language accurately and appropriately using a range of lexis; and
- understand and accurately apply the grammatical system and a range of structures.





Skills

Here are some suggestions to help you prepare for this skills area.

- Think carefully about how you will undertake the following:
 - introducing your first point;
 - introducing further arguments;
 - introducing your own opinions;
 - supporting an argument;
 - linking ideas ;
 - making a judgement;
 - introducing your conclusion.
- Make your extended written piece more creative by adding some idiomatic phrases, but do not over use them.
- Have a section in your notebook with common idiomatic phrases and add to it as you progress.
- Refer to grammar and idiomatic language websites or to grammar books to obtain a good set of idiomatic phrases.
- Try to read German newspapers and magazines and listen to German programmes on the radio or the TV. Idiomatic language is widely used by native speakers and will help you to develop your colloquial language.
- Try to add idiomatic expressions to your daily work to practise using them.
- Ensure that you know the meaning of them and that you use them appropriately and coherently and in the right context.
- Don't just include idiomatic phrases in your extended written response for the sake of including them. Too many may be unnecessary and may make your extended writing response appear contrived.
- Do not translate idiomatic phrases from your language into German. They will not make sense.
- Overuse of idiomatic phrases will not necessarily enhance your work. It is important that your writing has a natural feel.
- Pay attention to the feedback given by your teacher in any previous extended written work.