



GERMAN STUDENT STUDY CARD #8

LISTENING - STEPS TO SUCCESS

Introduction

At AS and A2 you will answer two sets of questions based on two discrete passages recorded on disk.

Question 1 is answered in German.

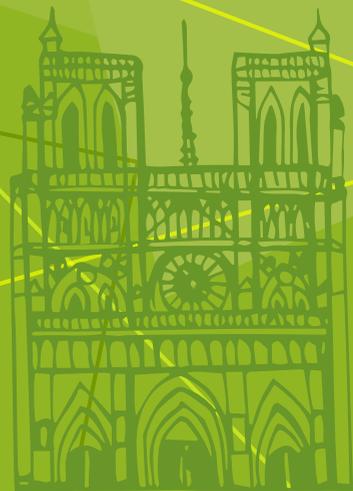
Question 2 is answered in English.

Assessment

In the Listening Test you will be assessed on your ability to understand, infer meaning and draw conclusions from a variety of spoken sources covering different contexts, registers, styles and genres.

Assessment Objective/s

- Listening is assessed according to the A01 criterion i.e. understand and respond in writing to spoken language drawn from a variety of sources.





Skills

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

- The learning and revision of vocabulary underpin success in EVERY skills area.

Self-review

- In all assessed work make yourself aware of why you gained or lost marks.
- When you review a listening exercise listen to the text accompanied by the transcript. This will help you to correlate unfamiliar words in written and spoken form.
- Listen to as much German as possible. Watch German TV and films and listen to German radio stations.
- Listen to video interviews on German websites e.g. ARD Mittagmagazin.

Learning for improvement

You should:

- attend and participate fully in classes with your German Assistant.
- listen carefully to the vocabulary and make your own notes.
- listen carefully to his / her pronunciation.
- act on the helpful advice contained in the Chief Examiner's Report, available on the CCEA website.
 - familiarise yourself with the mark scheme of the various parts of the listening test.
- consider the number of marks awarded for each part of the question and ensure that you include sufficient detail.
 - profit from every opportunity to talk to a native speaker. Listening, understanding
- and responding are very closely linked.
 - take part in an exchange with a German school and keep up the contact with your
- exchange partner through Face Time etc.
- practise timing yourself.



- when you read the title of the Listening comprehension exercise / test think about the ideas and vocabulary associated with it before you start listening.
 - listen to an interview or comprehension task straight through, without pausing, to
- ensure you have achieved gist comprehension.
 - listen and pause the CD, giving yourself time to respond to the question.
 - focus on the clarity of your responses in both German and English.
- listen carefully to the difference between fünfzehn / fünfzig; Freunde / Freundin;
 - einige / eigene.
 - listen to German!
- learn Vocabulary!