



GERMAN STUDENT STUDY CARD #9

LISTENING COMPREHENSION SKILLS

Introduction

Listening is one of the four skills of communicative language teaching. You will be assessed in listening at both AS and A2 levels. Unlike at GCSE, you will now have your own headphones and control of the listening material. You can listen to the tracks as many times as you wish. All recordings for examination purposes will be done by fluent/native speakers.

Assessment

At both AS and A2 levels, you will answer two sets of questions based on two discrete passages. You will answer the first recording in German and the second recording in English. The test lasts for 40 minutes at AS level and 45 minutes at A2 level.

Assessment Objective/s

- Responses will be marked based on the A01 criterion only.



Skills

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

- You need to listen to as much authentic German as possible, throughout the course.
- You could listen to:
 - German music;
 - watch German films;
 - listen to the radio/news in German;
 - listen to your e-pal speaking German on Skype;
 - practise with your German Language Assistant;
 - spend time in a German speaking country.
- You should also practise past papers.