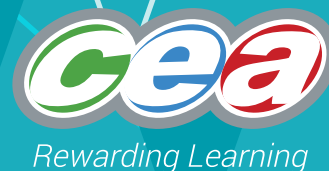


# FACTFILE: GCSE GERMAN



## Writing 2

### CONTEXT 1: IDENTITY, LIFESTYLE AND CULTURE



## Social media and new technology



### Introduction

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

### Learning Outcomes

You should be able to:

- communicate in writing for a variety of purposes;
- write short texts, using simple sentences and familiar language to convey meaning and exchange information;
- translate sentences from English into German to convey key messages accurately and to apply grammatical knowledge of language and structures in context;
- produce clear and coherent extended text to present facts and express ideas and opinions for different purposes and in different settings;
- make accurate use of a variety of vocabulary and grammatical structures;
- manipulate the language, using and adapting a variety of structures and vocabulary with accuracy and fluency for new purposes (including using appropriate style and register); and
- make independent and creative use of the language to identify key points, express and justify their thoughts and points of view.

These lists are neither prescriptive nor exhaustive.

### Skills

- Identify various types of social media such as: *Soziale Netzwerke* (z.B. Facebook), *Blogs* (z.B. Twitter), *virtuelle Welten* (z.B. World of Warcraft); *Wie beliebt sind Soziale Medien*.
- Reflect on the impact of social media on young people nowadays: *Was sind die Vor- und Nachteile von Sozialen Medien*; *Was sind die Gefahren*/Was sind die Möglichkeiten von Sozialen Medien.
- Reflect on the impact of mobile phones and computers on young people nowadays: *Welche Rolle spielen Computer und Handys im Leben von Jugendlichen heutzutage*; *Ist der Einfluss dieser Medien positiv oder negativ einzustufen*.
- Recognise the ever changing world of new technology: *Wie schnell entwickelt sich die Handy- und Computertechnologie heutzutage*; *Neue Erfindungen auf dem Markt*.

### Preparation

- Refer to the relevant sections of the CCEA German Core Minimum Vocabulary List: *Social Media*, *New technology and useful verbs linked to the two topics*.
- Keep a vocabulary book where you note down any unknown vocabulary which comes up in class.
- After you have completed a past writing paper, go over the answers with a mark scheme and note down any unknown words – keep a special vocabulary list just for past papers.

## Practice

- Try and write as many different short texts in German as possible about any topic.
- Practise lots of different translations from English into German.
- Complete lots of different past papers to familiarise yourself with the style of questioning.
- Always read **all** questions very carefully before you start and make sure you know what language you need to answer in.
- Attempt all questions and do not leave any blank spaces.

## Revision

*Answer the following questions in German.*

- Welche modernen Technologien benutzt du und warum?
- Was hältst du von sozialen Medien wie z.B. Facebook und Twitter?
- Warum sind soziale Medien so beliebt bei jungen Leuten?
- Was sind die Gefahren von sozialen Netzwerken?
- Könntest du dir ein Leben ohne Handy und Internet vorstellen? Warum/warum nicht?

*Translate the following sentences into English.*

- I use social media every day.
- I cannot live without my mobile phone.
- Books do not mean anything to me because I prefer my e-book.
- The internet is part of my everyday life.
- I think Facebook is far too dangerous.

