

FACTFILE: GCSE GERMAN



Writing 6

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



Community involvement



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

- Understand what community work is available in your area: *Welche Möglichkeiten gibt es für Wohltätigkeitsarbeit; Wie kann man Bedürftigen helfen.*
- Identify various ways your school gets involved to help those in need: *Was kann man als Schule tun, um anderen Menschen zu helfen.*
- What you do to get involved in your community: *Wie kann ich als Einzelner einen Unterschied in der Gesellschaft machen.*

Preparation

- Refer to the relevant sections of the CCEA German Core Minimum Vocabulary List.
- 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.

- Was sind die Hauptprobleme in deiner Gegend?
- Was tust du, um diese Probleme zu lindern oder zu lösen?
- Welche Wohltätigkeitsorganisationen unterstützt deine Schule?
- Findest du, dass deine Schule genug tut oder könnte man noch mehr machen?
- Welcher Wohltätigkeitsorganisation würdest du Geld spenden und warum?

Translate the following sentences into German.

- Our school organizes non uniform days three times a year.
- I work in a charity shop every Saturday.
- I would support the Red Cross if I had a lot of money.
- There is an issue with homelessness in my area.
- Every penny makes a difference.

