



# A-LEVEL GERMAN

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TIPS



## 10 USEFUL TIPS TO ACCESS A\* GRADES

### 1. TEXTBOOK

- A) Ensure you have one!
- B) Do all the activities thoroughly:  
make a note of vocabulary & grammar points as you go along.
- C) Learn the vocabulary you note down and use it regularly.

### 2. SPECIFICATION

- A) Find and download the specification from AQA or Edexcel.
- B) Look and make notes on what exams you have & what they include.
- C) Check speaking & writing mark schemes and note down requirements. Add these elements each time you speak/write.

### 3. GRAMMAR

- A) Boring! However, vital for top grades - e.g. passive, subjunctive 1 & 2.
- B) Make notes on grammar points in text book, complete activities thoroughly and get feedback.
- C) Use a workbook to practise these further & brush up on GCSE grammar.
- D) For extra practice, check out:  
[www.nthuleen.com/teach/grammar](http://www.nthuleen.com/teach/grammar).

### 4. ESSAY WRITING

- A) Know the book/film/play inside out.
- B) Ensure you can write about characters/sub characters in detail.
- C) Ensure you can write about main themes and sub-themes in detail.
- D) Have a quote for each theme/sub-theme, main/sub-characters and learn.
- E) Use a film/literature revision guide.
- F) Answer past essay questions & get feedback.

### 5. VOCAB LEARNING

- A) All exams require good vocabulary knowledge.
- B) Note down all new vocab from reading activities, translations, listening activities and the film/book as you go along.
- C) Learn this topic related vocab on Quizlet or Anki as you go along. Revisit the older vocabulary each term.
- D) Practice using it at every opportunity throughout the course.

### 6. HONE EXAM TECHNIQUE

- A) Speak to your teacher about the best way to approach each exam paper for you. Apply these tactics and practice. Adapt as necessary.
- B) Check out YouTube A-Level German Exam Technique videos for additional ideas.

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FIND MORE INFO, LINKS & RESOURCES HERE:

[HTTPS://THEIDEALTEACHER.COM/A-LEVEL-GERMAN-10-AWESOME-HACKS-HOW-TO-IMPROVE-YOUR-GRADE](https://theidealteacher.com/a-level-german-10-awesome-hacks-how-to-improve-your-grade)



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### 7. PAST PAPERS

- A) Complete all past papers available online at AQA or Edexcel websites under: A-Level German.
- B) Mark and check answers against mark scheme. Make notes of improvements & apply to future work.
- C) Check transcript from listening papers and learn new vocab.
- D) EXTRA: Try out past papers from the other exam boards too!

### 8. EXAMINERS' REPORTS

- A) Once you've completed a past paper, read the examiners' reports from it.
- B) Access them at the AQA and Edexcel (or equivalent) websites under: Examiners Reports.
- C) Note down how you can access higher marks and apply to future work.

### 9. LISTENING PRACTICE

- A) Do all listening practice provided in your course and look at the transcripts once done to note & learn new vocab.
- B) Complete more extensive listening practice online at the Deutsche Welle website, Easy German, Coffee Break German and Slow German. Access transcripts where possible.
- C) Avoid passive listening. Try the listening activities mentioned here:  
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=76FF8i5DKxY>

### 10. FACTS & FIGURES

- A) As you go through the course, note down facts and figures per sub-topic related to German speaking countries. To provide specific evidence to back up any points you make.

This is mainly for bullet point 3 of the stimulus card for AQA, but can equally be used in the speaking exams for Edexcel and equivalent exam boards.

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**PLEASE NOTE:  
THESE ARE NOT  
QUICK FIXES!**

**APPLY THESE 10 TIPS OVER THE WHOLE  
COURSE (MINIMUM 6 MONTHS)  
TO NOTICE BEST RESULTS. VIEL ERFOLG!**