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Thirsk School

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HOW TO REVISE IN FRENCH AND GERMAN



What will I be tested on?

- 4 papers: listening, speaking, reading, writing
- Each paper is worth 25% of the total qualification
- The content covers three broad themes: 1) Personal Identity 2) Local, National and Global Issues 3) Current and Future Study and Employment
- Students are entered for higher tier papers (grades 3-9) or foundation tier papers (grades 1-5)
- Decision made by the teacher in consultation with student/parent



Revising for the speaking test

- Speaking test booklet is the most important resource – know where it is and look after it!
- Students prepare answers to questions they might be asked and try to learn them off by heart – but how?
- Flash cards: question on one side, answer on the other. Get someone to test you
- Look/cover/write/check for each answer. Look at the answer. Cover it up. Write the answer. Check against the original.
- Look/cover/say/check. As above, but say the answer aloud rather than writing it.
- Additional tip: learn key verbs in past, present and future tenses. The verbs 'to go', 'to watch', 'to play', 'to eat' and 'to do' will be the most useful. If you forget an answer you have learnt you can probably come up with an answer on the spot using one of these verbs in the appropriate tense.



Revising for the written exam

- Re-learn the speaking booklet – this covers what you could be tested on in the written exam
- Don't just throw it away in relief after your speaking test!
- There may be a few weeks between the speaking and the writing



Revising for the listening and reading exams

- Tip 1: Practise, practise, practise!
- Active Learn reading and listening practice tasks
- Tip 2: Vocab, vocab, vocab!
- Memrise is best for vocab learning
- Small flash cards could also be useful – especially if someone else is willing to test you. Make it a game!



Other ideas

- Buy a revision workbook/practice papers book to complete lots of exam practice
- Buy a revision guide with all the key vocabulary and structures in one place, to make revision by topic more straightforward
- If there is a particular skill you find particularly difficult, there are revision workbooks just for that skill
- If you want a change from Memrise, try making your own vocab sets on Quizlet
- Print out the key verb display and put this up in your room/somewhere in the house