



GERMAN

Improve Your Vocabulary

Memrise: Sign up to [Memrise Blooket](#) or [Quizlet](#) and look for AS/A level German activities to work through. Re-visiting the various topics studied at GCSE a little bit each day will improve your recall of words from memory. [Languages Online](#) is another excellent site.

Online dictionary: [Word Reference](#) is a good resource for individual words.

Grammar

You will ensure yourself a fabulous start to the A Level course if you brush up on the basic grammar over the summer. Return to the tenses that you learned at GCSE level (imperfect, past perfect, preterit, present, immediate future, simple future, conditional) both with the use of regular and irregular verbs.

If you prefer to practise using online and interactive resources, the following sites will be useful:
Conjugation of German verbs online:

- <http://www.languagesonline.org.uk/>
- www.thisislanguange.com (via school subscription)
- www.conjuguemos.com

Listening

Have the German radio open in the background when you are doing other things to get used to the intonation etc. Deutsche Welle, Sport1.fm, TrueHipHop and Radio SAW are among the most popular German stations. Download the Radio Garden app for the choice of radio stations around the world! www.lyricstraining.com might also be useful to learn what you are singing along to.

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Current Affairs

It is a good idea to take an interest in current affairs in the German speaking world and the following sites are recommended:

- [News in Slow German](#) is an excellent site
- [German news](#) channels
- <https://www.ardmediathek.de/> is the German equivalent to iPlayer
- Follow popular people on Instagram

Popular Culture

Music, fashion, art and cinema are topics studied at A Level and it would be pertinent to find out who are the important singers or artists, designers and models as well as actors and directors of the moment.

- [Ministry of Culture](#)
- [Tourism and culture in Germany](#)

Music

Apple Music, Spotify and Youtube are great for finding German music - 'musik deutsch 2022' or 'deutsche musik hits 2022' will bring up playlists of the latest music in the German charts.

Film

Watch films in German with subtitles (English or German) to get used to hearing the language. Even your old favourites will have a language selection in the settings!

We will be studying the film *Good Bye, Lenin!* by Wolfgang Becker and you should watch it over the summer to familiarise yourself with the story line and the cultural, social and educational issues raised by this work:

- <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=u5hzmwGW4Ac> (trailer)
- https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Good_Bye,_Lenin!

For award-winning foreign-language drama and film see [Walter Presents](#) via Channel 4. The Curzon cinema (subscription) features many foreign films that can be watched from home or a device. Also see www.netflix.com and www.amazon.co.uk (prime video) and <https://www.bbc.co.uk/iplayer> (subscription).