

A-Level German Transition: Task 1 - Language Learning Log

Use this grid to fill in what you've done each week to keep up your German language skills. Some ideas include: Reading a German website, looking up new items of vocabulary, listening to German songs, reading about an item which interests you on Wikipedia in German, finding a German magazine, listening to German radio, revising verb tables, having a conversation with someone you know in German, reading a German newspaper, writing an e-mail or letter in German, revising on Linguascope or BBC Bitesize, chatting to German people online... **Anything** is suitable as long as it helps you practise your German.

Please bring your log with you to your first German lessons in September so you can discuss what you've done.

Week	What did you do?	Skill area tested (Reading, Writing, Speaking or Listening)	How did it help?
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A-Level German Transition: Task 2 - Deutsche Länder

Task

Germany is made up of 16 *Länder*. Research any one of them. In September, you will present the information you have discovered to the class.

What to Produce

You will need to produce:

1. A rehearsed, spoken presentation.
2. A PowerPoint.
3. An informative fact sheet to hand out (do 10 copies) with your main points on.
4. A worksheet (do 10 copies) to check other students' comprehension of your presentation.
5. You may bring in anything else relevant to make your presentation more visually appealing.

What to Cover

You should aim to cover at least the following:

- Where it is
- Its population
- Its size
- Its major towns and cities
- Geographical features, e.g. rivers, mountains etc.
- Its history, including significant dates
- Images associated with the *Land* (landscape, flags, coat of arms etc.)
- Culture and traditions associated with the *Land*
- Local politics
- Local economic information
- Famous people throughout the ages from the *Land*
- Typical food and drink specialities
- Any interesting linguistic differences, including dialect and accent
- Sporting information
- Tourist information
- Anything else you find out in your research

Tips

- All of the work you produce can be in English, German or a mixture.
- Make the presentation and handouts interesting, informative and fun.
- The fewer notes you read from, the better.
- Remember to have your PowerPoint on a memory stick for the first lesson.

A-Level German Transition: Task 3 – Book Study

Task: Research the book "Der Vorleser" and answer the following questions:

1. Who wrote the book?
2. When was it first published?
3. In which period in history does the story take place?
4. How many copies has it sold in Germany?
5. How many languages has it been translated into?
6. Who are the main characters? What are they like?

7. Who plays Hanna in the 2008 film adaptation?
8. Write a synopsis in your own words in English for each of the three parts to the book

Part 1

Part 2

Part 3

Extra: Jot down any questions you have about the book.