



# A level German Checklist

## Get Ready for September!

### Kit List

- a good up-to-date bilingual dictionary
- grammar workbook (can be bought from school)
- A4 file with dividers & paper

### Preparation

- Revise/reinforce/do to death your understanding of basic grammar – verb tenses, gender, cases, adjectives, pronouns etc – use websites like [www.languagesonline.org.uk](http://www.languagesonline.org.uk) for repeated practice and [www.linguascope.com](http://www.linguascope.com) for vocabulary & games (user name is Ribston, password cool). Practise conjugating verbs in the past, present and future. Look into cases and how they change the articles and the endings of adjectives. Think about German word order.
- Try to listen to German. Use revision websites to consolidate your GCSE knowledge, tune in to German TV & radio just to get a feel for the sound of the language. <http://www tivi.de/fernsehen/logo/start/> is a German children's news programme, with film clips and commentary which you might find helpful. On <http://www.dw.com/de/deutsch-lernen/nachrichten/s-8030> you can listen to the news spoken slowly in German. Or for light relief go on YouTube and search for your favourite TV show in German.
- Read/watch/listen to news to bring you up to date with what is happening in the world, especially the German-speaking part.
- Develop some opinions (other than “It’s not fair” and “It’s boring”), find issues to get passionate about. What are your views on gay marriage, eco-tourism, size zero models, extreme sports, freedom of expression on the internet ...? What do you know about these issues?

And, if you get the chance, go to a German-speaking country (ideally without English-speaking companions) and make yourself communicate.

**DO NOT** leave all this until Results Day!