



Year 12 German: Natur und Umwelt

Learning about this topic is important because: it will enable you develop your knowledge of the environment, energy sources, recycling and sustainability in German-speaking countries

This builds on: Year 11 Unit 4- Die Umwelt

This leads to:

"Natur und Umwelt" introduces concepts like sustainability, environmental policies, and ethical considerations, which can be relevant when discussing topics like immigration and the challenges of integrating diverse communities.

We will learn:

- About environmental issues and sustainability in German-speaking countries
- How to talk about the impact of human activity on the environment
- How to discuss developments in environmental policy and green technology

We will develop/practise skills including:

- Developing strategies in order to improve listening skills
- Understanding how to extend vocabulary knowledge effectively
- Develop strategies in order to improve reading skills

Some of the vocabulary that we will use includes:

- Reference to tense formation, auxiliary, infinitive, irregular, separable, inseparable and past participle
- Reflexive verbs

You could learn more about this topic by:

[Nachrichtenleicht Startseite](#)
[Langsam gesprochene Nachrichten | DW Deutsch Lernen](#)
[Music - Step into German - Goethe-Institut](#)



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Weekly grammar and vocab checks

End of unit assessment – reading, grammar and translation

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Year 12 German: Bildung

Learning about this topic is important because: it will enable you to develop your knowledge of the education system, educational opportunities and challenges in German-speaking countries

This builds on: Year 10 Unit 1 – Zurück zur Schule future plans and Year 11 Unit 8 – Wie sieht die Zukunft aus?

This leads to:

"**Bildung**" introduces concepts such as educational equality, career pathways, social mobility and lifelong learning, which can be linked to wider discussions about society, employment and opportunities in German-speaking countries.

We will learn:

- About the education system in German-speaking countries
- How to discuss school life, educational opportunities and challenges
- How to express opinions about educational policy and future study or career plans

We will develop/practise skills including:

- Developing strategies in order to improve reading skills
- Understanding how to extend vocabulary knowledge effectively
- Develop strategies in order to improve translation skills
- How to approach speaking cards

Some of the vocabulary that we will use includes:

- Reference to different genders and cases
- Using subjects, object and indirect object pronouns
- Using the correct German word order (TMP) and negatives with nicht

You could learn more about this topic by:

Using [this website](#) to find interesting and useful articles related to this topic.
Or [this website](#) to listen to some slowly spoken news related to this topic



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Weekly grammar and vocab checks

End of Unit Assessment: Listening, Reading and translation

Speaking Assessment

Guided Research Project



Year 12 German: Die Welt der Arbeit

Learning about this topic is important because: it will enable you to develop your knowledge of employment, career opportunities, workplace issues and professional life in German-speaking countries	
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Year 12 German: Musik

Learning about this topic is important because: it will enable you to develop your knowledge of music, changing musical trends and the influence of music on popular culture in German-speaking countries	
This builds on: Year 10 Unit 2 – Endlich mal Freizeit!	
This leads to: "Musik" introduces concepts such as cultural identity, social change, youth culture and the influence of the media, which can be linked to wider discussions about society and contemporary German-speaking culture.	
We will learn: • About changes and trends in music in German-speaking countries • How music influences popular culture and society • How to discuss musical preferences, artists and the role of music in everyday life	We will develop/practise skills including: • Developing strategies in order to improve listening skills • Understanding how to extend vocabulary knowledge effectively and how to incorporate this into our own language • Translation skills • Develop strategies in order to improve writing skills
Some of the vocabulary that we will use includes: • Reference to tense formation, auxiliary, infinitive, irregular, separable, inseparable and past participle • Reflexive verbs • Vocabulary related to music, artists, genres and popular culture	You could learn more about this topic by: Nachrichtenleicht Startseite Langsam gesprochene Nachrichten DW Deutsch Lernen Music - Step into German - Goethe-Institut
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Year 12 German: Medien

Learning about this topic is important because: it will enable you to develop your knowledge of television, digital, print and online media, and their influence on society and politics in German-speaking countries

This builds on: Year 10 Unit 2 – Endlich mal Freizeit!

This leads to:

"Die Medien" introduces concepts such as media influence, public opinion, democracy, digital communication and responsible media consumption, which can be linked to wider discussions about society, politics and culture.

We will learn:

- About television, digital, print and online media in German-speaking countries
- How the media influences society and political opinions
- How to discuss the advantages and disadvantages of different forms of media

We will develop/practise skills including:

- Developing strategies in order to improve reading skills
- Develop strategies for expression opinions
- Understanding how to extend vocabulary knowledge effectively and how to incorporate this into our own language
- Translation skills
- Develop strategies in order to improve writing skills

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- Reference to tense formation, conjugation, future tense, infinitive, comparative, superlative
- Reflexive verbs, demonstrative and indefinite pronouns
- Vocabulary related to the media, communication, current affairs and politics

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Weekly grammar and vocab checks

End of unit assessment – reading, grammar and translation

End of unit assessment -speaking



Year 12 German: Die Rolle von Festen und Traditionen

Learning about this topic is important because: it will enable you to develop your knowledge of music, changing musical trends and the influence of music on popular culture in German-speaking countries	
This builds on: Year 10 Unit 3 – <i>Meine Welt, deine Welt</i>	
This leads to: "Die Rolle von Festen und Traditionen" introduces CONCEPTS SUCH AS CHRISTMAS AND CARNIVAL IN THE German-speaking world and also secular celebrations . It also introduces specific German traditions and everyday customs in German, Austria and Switzerland.	
We will learn: • About festivals, celebrations, customs and traditions in German-speaking countries • How traditions have changed over time and their role in modern society • How to discuss the importance of cultural events and national celebrations	We will develop/practise skills including: • Developing strategies in order to improve writing skills • Understanding how to extend vocabulary knowledge effectively and how to incorporate this into our own language • Listening strategies and skills • Develop strategies in order to improve writing skills
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Year 12 German: Der Besuch der alten Dame

Learning about this topic is important because: It will introduce you to the study of literature at A-Level German. Through studying *Der Besuch der alten Dame*, you will begin to explore key themes such as justice, morality, wealth and responsibility, while developing the basic analytical and essay-writing skills needed for Paper 2.

This builds on:

- Experience of reading and understanding longer texts at KS4
- Basic knowledge of German grammar and key tenses
- Practice expressing opinions and justifying ideas in speaking and writing
- Introduction to cultural topics in German-speaking countries

This leads to:

- More detailed study of the text in Year 13, including deeper analysis of themes and characters
- Development of more advanced essay-writing skills
- Greater confidence in analysing literary texts and expressing ideas in German
- Preparation for the A-Level Paper 2 literature exam

We will learn:

- The plot and key events of the play
- Who the main characters are and how they relate to each other
- The basic themes of the play (e.g. justice, money, morality)
- How Dürrenmatt uses humour and dramatic techniques
- How to understand and respond to a literary text in German

We will develop/practise skills including:

- Understanding and summarising key scenes
- Describing characters and their actions
- Expressing simple opinions about the text
- Beginning to analyse themes and ideas
- Using evidence from the text to support answers
- Building vocabulary related to literature and analysis
- Taking part in class discussion about the play

Some of the vocabulary that we will use includes:

- Basic literary terms such as Thema, Figur, Handlung, Szene, Charakter
- Vocabulary relating to justice, money, responsibility and society
- Structures for expressing opinions (meiner Meinung nach, ich denke, dass...)
- Revision of key grammar such as present, perfect and imperfect tenses

You could learn more about this topic by:

- Reading simplified summaries of the play in German or English
- Watching clips or stage versions of *Der Besuch der alten Dame*
- Learning more about Friedrich Dürrenmatt and his style
- Using revision guides to support your understanding of the plot and characters



Your teacher will assess your knowledge & understanding throughout the topic by looking at your work, questioning, discussion and giving you feedback in lots of different ways. The key pieces of work in this topic are:

Reading and understanding activities based on the text
Short written responses and paragraph writing
Speaking activities about characters and themes



Year 12 German: Goodbye Lenin!

Learning about this topic is important because:

It will introduce you to the study of film at A-Level German. Through studying *Goodbye Lenin!*, you will begin to explore key themes such as family, identity, life in East Germany and the impact of political change, while developing the basic analytical and writing skills needed for Paper 2.

This builds on:

- Experience of understanding spoken and written German at KS4
- Basic knowledge of German grammar and key tenses
- Practice expressing opinions and describing people and events
- Introduction to cultural topics in German-speaking countries

This leads to:

- More detailed study of the film in Year 13, including deeper analysis of themes, characters and film techniques
- Development of more advanced analytical and essay-writing skills
- Greater confidence in analysing visual texts and expressing ideas in German
- Preparation for the A-Level Paper 2 film exam

We will learn:

- The plot and key events of the film
- Who the main characters are and how they relate to each other
- The basic themes of the film (e.g. family, change, identity, truth and lies)
- How the film shows life in the GDR and German reunification
- How film techniques (music, camera, setting) help tell the story

We will develop/practise skills including:

- Understanding and summarising key scenes
- Describing characters and relationships
- Expressing simple opinions about the film
- Beginning to analyse themes and ideas
- Using evidence from the film to support answers
- Building vocabulary related to film and analysis
- Taking part in class discussion about the film

Some of the vocabulary that we will use includes:

- Basic film terms such as Figur, Szene, Film, Regisseur, Handlung
- Vocabulary relating to family, politics, identity and society
- Structures for expressing opinions (meiner Meinung nach, ich denke, dass...)
- Revision of key grammar such as present, perfect and imperfect tenses

You could learn more about this topic by:

- Watching *Goodbye Lenin!* again with subtitles to improve understanding
- Reading summaries of the film in German or English
- Learning about life in East Germany (die DDR) and reunification
- Researching the director Wolfgang Becker and the context of the film



Your teacher will assess your knowledge & understanding throughout the topic by looking at your work, questioning, discussion and giving you feedback in lots of different ways. The key pieces of work in this topic are:

Viewing and understanding activities based on the film



Year 12 German: Goodbye Lenin!

Short written responses and paragraph writing

Speaking activities about characters, themes and key scenes



Year 12 German: Independent Research Project

Learning about this topic is important because:

It will introduce you to the Independent Research Project, an important part of the A-Level German course. You will learn how to choose a topic, carry out research and present your ideas, while developing the speaking and analytical skills needed for the Paper 3 speaking exam.

This builds on:

- Experience of expressing opinions and justifying ideas at KS4
- Practice using a range of tenses and structures in speaking and writing
- Basic research and presentation skills developed in other subjects
- Knowledge of cultural topics in German-speaking countries

This leads to:

- More independent and detailed research in Year 13
- Development of confidence in speaking at length in German
- Ability to discuss and defend your ideas in the speaking exam
- Preparation for the A-Level Paper 3 discussion and presentation

We will learn:

- What the Independent Research Project is and how it is assessed
- How to choose a suitable topic related to German-speaking society or culture
- How to ask questions and develop a clear focus for research
- How to find and use simple sources of information
- How to organise and present ideas clearly in German

We will develop/practise skills including:

- Researching information from a range of sources
- Summarising key ideas in German
- Expressing and justifying opinions
- Speaking with increasing confidence and fluency
- Building topic-specific vocabulary
- Preparing and delivering short presentations
- Responding to questions about your ideas

Some of the vocabulary that we will use includes:

- Vocabulary related to research and presentation (Thema, Forschung, Quelle, Präsentation)
- Structures for expressing opinions and developing ideas (ich denke, dass..., meiner Meinung nach...)
- Language for giving explanations and examples
- Revision of key grammar such as present, perfect and future tenses

You could learn more about this topic by:

- Exploring possible topics linked to your interests
- Reading or watching simple materials in German on topics you enjoy
- Practising speaking about your interests in German
- Looking at examples of past IRP topics



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Year 12 German: Independent Research Project

Short research tasks

Mini-presentations in German

Speaking activities based on your chosen topic