

Languages – revision HOW TO!

- There is not a magic bullet. Quite simply students need to engage actively with their revision and work hard.
- Doing something (active revision) is much better than sitting and looking at something (passive revision).
- Little and often! 15 minutes every day of vocab learning is much better than large chunks of time each week.
- The night/week before is TOO late for languages! There is just too much to cram in.
- Vary your revision. Do some vocab learning one night then do some reading and listening of authentic materials another night and then some speaking prep by writing answers to the list of speaking questions and learning them another night. Students have to prepare for 4 skills and therefore need to vary their revision.



Learning the vocabulary

Memrise app – fantastic! **Be top of your league!**

[www.memrise.com](https://www.memrise.com/group/203871/) // <https://www.memrise.com/group/203871/>

Quizlet app – make your own cue cards and practise

www.quizlet.com

vocab books – highlight the vocab you don't know. Make cue cards and get someone to test you.

www.Kerboodle.com – you can revisit all the lesson content here as this is our text book online. The vocab pages by topic come with sound files so you can look at the word AND listen to how it sounds – fab for listening skills

Grammar

- **Rote** learning and practice of grammar concepts is vitally important for understanding the language. It is particularly necessary at higher tier.
- www.languagesonline.org.uk is an excellent website that provides grammar exercises and answers as well as explanations.
- You should try chanting / rapping / singing verb paradigms, grammar rules or useful phrases to get them into your head

Reading and listening practice.

- Past papers for reading and listening are on AQA website and on Learning Zone (including the mark schemes) These are from the old specification but they are still useful to do.

www.aqa.org.uk

- Reading and listening for pleasure is a great way to enhance skills and build vocab providing you spend some time checking what some of the words mean by using a dictionary. www.wordreference.com is a great online dictionary.
- <http://readlang.com/> is brilliant for reading authentic material. It is an app and once downloaded onto your computer you can hover the mouse over words and it translates them!
- The below websites are great as they give current affairs but they are aimed at young French children so therefore the language is quite simple and the articles are fairly short. There is both reading and listening bulletins on these sites.

www.1jour1actu.com

www.jde.fr

Listening to French music

- A great way to tune your ears into the French language but also it is fun and engaging. Try listening to some of the artists below on youtube. You can find the songs with the lyrics in French on the screen.

Maitre Gimms

Stromae

Patrick Bruel

Jonny Halladay

Christine and the Queens (la chaleur humaine album)

Doums

BB Brunes

Louane

www.lyricstraining.com

Film

- An excellent way to listen to your language – many DVDs will offer a choice of languages (with and without subtitles in English!). Simply pick a film you like and watch it in the Language – you know what happens in the film so you can focus on listening to the French / German / Spanish
- French films you might enjoy – Intouchables, la Famille Bélier, Samba, Le diner des cons, Bienvenue chez les Ch'tis, le Fabuleux destin d'Amélie Poulain, Jeux d'enfants, le Petit Prince amongst many others!
- There are also some good French series to watch: Les revenants, Spiral, Le Tunnel, The Break... Some you can get on Netflix, others online.
- German films you might enjoy – 'Run Lola run' 'Goodbye Lenin' 'Das Wonder von Bern' 'Sophie Scholl' 'The white ribbon' 'The lives of others' (these can be borrowed from Languages)
- Spanish films worth a see- 'El Orfanato', 'Volver' (Miss Parker has these on DVD if you would like to borrow them), '¿Qué culpa tiene el niño?', 'Palmeras en la nieve' (these can be found on Netflix- be careful to not choose a Portuguese film with Latin American films)

Reading and listening practice – German

(includes music and film links)

- <https://www.goethe.de/ins/gb/de/spr/unt/kum/dfk.html>
German for children in KS2 / KS3/ KS4 from Goethe Institute – includes a partnership with Arsenal FC! Short films etc
- <https://www.goethe.de/ins/gb/de/spr/unt/kum/dfj.html>
German for students of GCSE and A level – music, sport, popular culture
- <https://www.bbc.co.uk/education/subjects/z8j2tfr>
- <http://aufdeutsch.co.uk/category/musik/> online German magazine – music, film, culture, fashion, travel lifestyle , sport

Spotify playlist

New in the 'Music Scene' section: Listen to the latest hits from Germany with the Spotify playlist from the editors of the Goethe-Institut London's 'Auf Deutsch' website.

New songs

Check out our selection of fresh new songs, including the fantastic electro *Nein, Mann!* by *erkraft 3D*.



OUR FILM OF THE MONTH
PODCAST "INSIDE KINO"
CONTEST "YOUTH 4 GERMAN CINEMA"
LITTLE GEMS – THE BEST COMMERCIALS

Tips

- Goethe-Institut London
- Podcast – Current Music from Germany
- Online German radio
- Electronic Music from Germany



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Reading and listening practice – Spanish

(includes music and film links)

- <http://www.listenlive.eu/spain.html> - links to Spanish radio stations.
- <https://www.notesinspanish.com/category/beginners-podcast/> - A Spanish and English speaker teaching Spanish through listening.
- <http://www.bbc.co.uk/languages/spanish/news/> - links to Spanish news websites and GCSE Spanish bitesize revision
- www.20minutos.es – online Spanish newspaper for reading and listening to Spanish news
- www.hola.com – the equivalent to Hello magazine for celebrity news
- www.marca.es – for sport news



There are so many Spanish films, comedy stand ups and programs on Netflix! Watch them with English subtitles and really listen at the same time or watch them with Spanish subtitles and listen and read at the same time.



Get Spain's top 50 chart on Spotify!

Listen to artists like **Luis Fonsi**, **Shakira**, **Pablo Alborán**, **Maluma**, **J Balvin** and of course **Enrique Iglesias** and see what Spanish people are listening to.