Your notes

GCSE German: revision notes

Education, work and future plans

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School

- Subjects: Mathe, Deutsch, Englisch, Naturwissenschaften (science), Biologie, Chemie, Physik, Geschichte (history), Erdkunde (geography), Informatik (computing), Kunst (art), Sport (PE), Musik, Religion.
- Opinions: Mein Lieblingsfach ist... (my favourite subject is...), ich bin gut / schlecht in Mathe (I'm good / bad at maths), der Lehrer ist streng / nett (the teacher is strict / nice), ich finde Chemie schwierig / einfach / nützlich (hard / easy / useful).
- School life: die Grundschule (primary school), **das Gymnasium** (academic secondary school), die Gesamtschule (comprehensive school), die Pause (break), **die Hausaufgaben** (homework), **der Stundenplan** (timetable), die Noten (marks).
- Rules: Man muss pünktlich sein (you must be on time), man darf nicht... (you're not allowed to...), es ist verboten, ... zu + infinitive (it's forbidden to...). Most German pupils don't wear a uniform.

Future plans

- Nach der Schule... (after school...) mache ich die Oberstufe (sixth form) / **das Abitur** (exams at 18, like A levels). Ich möchte **studieren** (study at university).
- eine Ausbildung machen (to do an apprenticeship or vocational training), ein Jahr Pause machen (to take a gap year), einen Job finden (to find a job), **Geld verdienen** (to earn money).
- In der Zukunft möchte ich... (in the future I'd like to...). Mein Traum ist es, ... zu + infinitive (my dream is to...). Ich hoffe, ... zu + infinitive (I hope to...).

Jobs and work

- Jobs have a masculine form and a feminine form ending in -in: Lehrer / Lehrerin (teacher), Arzt / Ärztin (doctor), Krankenpfleger / Krankenpflegerin (nurse), Polizist / Polizistin (police officer), Ingenieur / Ingenieurin, Verkäufer / Verkäuferin (shop assistant).
- No article before a job: Ich möchte Arzt **werden** (I would like to become a doctor). Meine Mutter ist Lehrerin.
- **das Praktikum** (work experience), **der Nebenjob** (a part-time job), das Gehalt (salary), gut bezahlt (well paid), im Team arbeiten (to work in a team), **im Ausland** (abroad).

Grammar to use

- Modal verbs send the infinitive to the end: Ich möchte Medizin **studieren**. Ich will **im Ausland** arbeiten.
- **Werden** + infinitive makes the future: Ich werde auf die Uni gehen. On its own, **werden** means "to become": Ich möchte Arzt **werden**.
- Wenn sends its verb to the end, then the next verb comes straight after the comma: Wenn ich gute Noten bekomme, werde ich **studieren**.
- **Bekommen** means to get or receive. It never means "become".

Key terms

das Schulfach	school subject
das Lieblingsfach	favourite subject
der Stundenplan	timetable
die Hausaufgaben	homework
das Gymnasium	academic secondary school
das Abitur	exams at 18 (like A levels)
die Ausbildung	apprenticeship (vocational training)
das Praktikum	work experience
der Nebenjob	part-time job
studieren	to study at university
werden	to become (also used for the future)
Geld verdienen	to earn money
im Ausland	abroad
bekommen	to get (receive)

Quick questions

Cover the answers and test yourself: remembering is what makes it stick.

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1. What does "Mein Lieblingsfach ist Geschichte" mean?
2. What does "Ich bin schlecht in Mathe" mean?
3. What is "das Gymnasium" in Germany?
4. What does "Man darf nicht im Klassenzimmer essen" mean?
5. How do you say "I would like to become a doctor" in German?
6. What does "das Praktikum" mean?
7. What is the feminine form of "Lehrer"?
8. What does "bekommen" mean?

Answers

1. My favourite subject is history
2. I'm bad at maths
3. an academic secondary school
4. You're not allowed to eat in the classroom
5. Ich möchte Arzt werden
6. work experience
7. Lehrerin
8. to get (receive)

What to do next

Practise 14 questions on this topic

Try 4 exam questions, with mark schemes

Read the lesson, one step at a time

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