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Year 11 GCSE German/ French Information



The Course

Exam Board: AQA

Syllabus:

GCSE German (8668)

GCSE French (8658)

Theme 1: Identity and Culture			
<i>Me, Family & Friends</i>	<i>Technology</i>	<i>Free time</i>	<i>Customs & traditions</i>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Relationships with family/friends Marriage & partnership 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Social media Mobile technology 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Music Cinema/TV Food & eating out Sport 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> In France/ Germany In other Fr/ Gm speaking countries
Theme 2: Local, National, International, Global			
<i>Your home & region</i>	<i>Social issues</i>	<i>Global issues</i>	<i>Travel & tourism</i>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> House Town Area 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Charity/ voluntary work Healthy living 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Environment Poverty/ homelessness 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Holidays Other countries
Theme 3: Current & Future Study and Employment			
<i>My studies</i>	<i>Life at college</i>	<i>Post 16 education</i>	<i>Jobs, careers & ambitions</i>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Subjects teachers Your school day 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> School building After school clubs School rules/ uniform 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> What will you study? Work experience 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> University/ apprenticeship Dream job

Assessment Structure 2020-21

- There are 4 skills of listening, speaking, reading and writing, which will be assessed for the GCSE.
- Each skill is worth 25%.
- Listening, reading and writing will be assessed via exams in June.
- **Speaking will be assessed by the class teacher.**
- Entry levels – foundation (1-5) or higher (4-9) for the terminal exams.

Changes due to Covid.

Paper	Assessment
1 – Listening	<p>Foundation – 35 mins + 5 mins reading time, higher – 45 mins + 5 mins reading time.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Questions in English and French/ German. • Answer in the question language.
2 – Speaking	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Will be a teacher endorsement (pass, merit, distinction), against a common assessment criteria.
3 – Reading	<p>Foundation – 45 mins, higher – 1 hour</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Questions in English and French/ German. • Answer in the question language. • Translation from French/German to English (35 words)
4 - Writing	<p>Foundation – 5 mins extra exam time – 1 hour 5 mins</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Photo – 4 sentences • 40 word piece (bullet prompts) • 90 word piece – choice of 2, changed to choice of 3 (bullet prompts) • Translation from English to French/ German (35 words) <p>Higher – 5 mins extra exam time – 1 hour 20 mins</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 90 word piece – choice of 2, changed to choice of 3 (same as Foundation task) (bullet prompts) • 150 word piece – choice of 2, changed to choice of 3 (open ended piece, includes 2 compulsory bullets) • Translation from English to French/German (50 words)



Upcoming Assessments

- The mock exams will be in February
- The Listening, reading and writing exams will be on February 11th.
- Speaking will be teacher assessed, via various activities.



Tips for success

- Learn vocabulary via the vocabulary booklet in your independent work folder and Quizlet.
- Revise and practise applying grammatical rules, via grammar covered in class and the grammar booklets in your independent work folder.
- Use GCSE Bitesize, Seneca and the AQA website.
- Practise skills:

Listening – Youtube – watch the series Extras, change the language on a favourite DVD and add English subtitles.

Speaking – use the speaking booklet in your independent work folder to practise.

Reading - Go to www.1jour1actu.com for French www.kruschel.de for German to find news articles at a similar level of French/German to Newsround in English.

Writing – use the writing and translation booklets in your independent folder to work through example tasks.

Resources and Support



✓ AQA French or German online course 'Studio' / 'Stimmt'.



✓ AQA 'Studio' / 'Stimmt' grammar and translation workbook.



✓ Quizlet/Memrise.



✓ School produced booklets for vocabulary, grammar, avocado, speaking and writing. Log of independent work – checked on half termly.

✓ FROG – MFL site.

✓ Seneca.



✓ Internet sites, DVDs and video clips.

GCSE FRENCH
REVISION

GRAMMAR



GCSE
SPEAKING



FRENCH

The speaking exam consists of three different speaking tasks. Your speaking grade will count for 25% of your overall GCSE grade.



AQA French GCSE



Sample Writing Questions
Foundation and Higher

Name: _____

FRENCH	
Speaking Practice	
Task	Date
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Topic play 01:15	
Topic play 01:20	
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How can I help as a Parent?

By encouraging:

- ✓ learning of vocabulary.
- ✓ use of Quizlet/Memrise.
- ✓ use of Seneca.
- ✓ grammar practice using the grammar and avocado booklets.
- ✓ practise of the 4 skills (listening, reading, writing and speaking) using internet sites, DVDs, video clips, booklets and the advice given on FROG.
- ✓ completion of independent work from purple (French)/ red (German) folder and completion of log sheet.
- ✓ use of Wordreference.com (a free online dictionary) and NOT Google Translate.

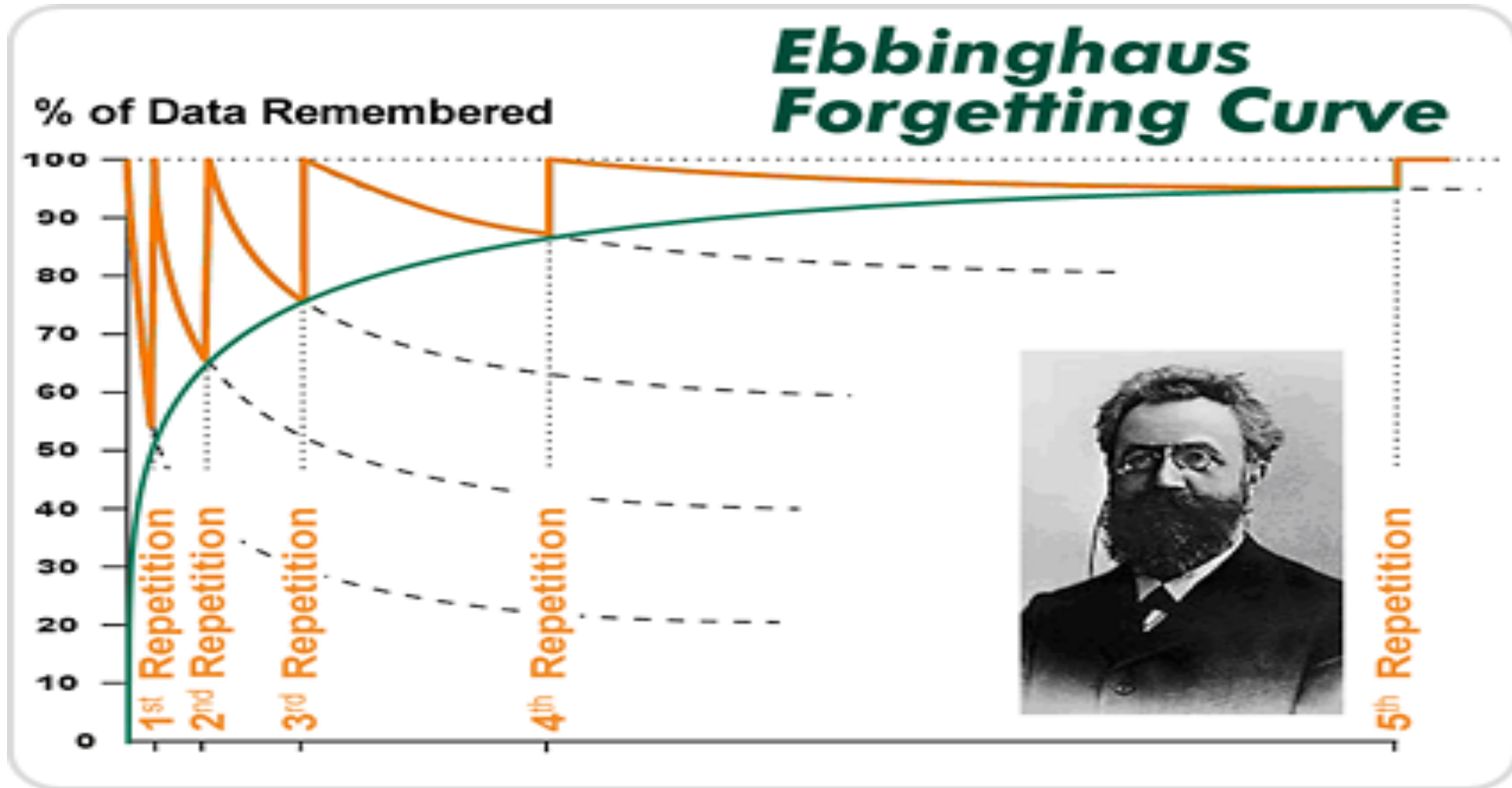
Commitment

“I’m going to go on Quizlet for half an hour every two days!”

[The Daffodil experiment](#)



The Importance of Commitment



Extending knowledge



- Listen to German/ French films in the language, with English subtitles e.g. Honig im Kopf, les Choristes.
- Listen to German/ French music – there are lots on the MFL site on FROG.
- Read parallel text short stories in the language.
- Watch youtube videos about grammatical concepts.



Concerns or questions

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