

How do I get a top grade in MFL

For speaking...

- Use your 30 word sheet to avoid hesitation
- Check pronunciation of key word with your teacher if you are unsure how to say them
- Try to use intonation in your voice to express positive and negative opinions
- Check word order, verb endings, tenses etc. in your preparation
- Ensure you include a range of tenses (past, present, future)
- For German- include at least 1 'weil' phrase
- Try to make each answer with at least 2 sentences
- For presentations: make sure your presentation lasts at least 1 minute □
Revise key question words to help you understand the question (Who? Where? What? Why? When?)
- Ensure you include lots of opinions
- Use your task sheet to check your content- have you covered all of the bullet points?

For writing...

- Use your 30 word sheet to note down important sentence starters, key words and topics that you have prepared
- Ensure you include a range of tenses (past, present, future)
- Include a range of opinion phrases and try to avoid using too many basic adjectives such as 'gut' and 'super'
- Give reasons for your opinions using connectives
- Structure your work into paragraphs and link ideas where you can
- Use your task sheet to check your content- have you covered all of the bullet points?
- Check spelling (use a dictionary), word order and capital letters (ALL nouns in German) before you hand your work in
- Use and adapt set phrases you have learnt in class and avoid saying something too complicated to avoid inaccuracies
- Aim to write 200 words

For reading and listening exams...

- Look for key words including small words which change meaning like time phrase and negatives (nicht, nie kein)
- **Answer all of the questions** (use general knowledge or common sense to make a logical guess)
- Read the instructions carefully- don't tick 5 boxes if the question only asks for 4
- Break the word into smaller parts and pick out sections you do understand if you are struggling
- Use pictures and titles as clues
- Allow time for '1 mark a minute'