



In Year 8 you will continue to build on what you have learnt in year 7 and continue to learn the German language with the building blocks of Phonics, Vocabulary and Grammar. Your German Learner Guide contains everything you are learning, and you can refer to it at any time. You will also find out more about German culture, Germany and its people.

Phonics	Vocabulary	Grammar
You will learn the German sounds and how they are written. You will learn and practice the SSCs (sound symbol correspondence) week by week.	Your German Language Guide has all the vocabulary you will learn this year and it is based on the most frequent words in the German language.	This is how we link all the words together to make meaning and say what we want to say.

You will find out about these aspects of **German culture**:

- Key facts about Christmas and Easter in Germany, Austria and Switzerland
- Karneval
- German songs, poems and tongue twisters
- Life in a German school (we have a partner school in Germany, and we will do projects with the students)



You will practise these **language skills**:

- Listening** : to your teacher, to recorded texts, to each other
- Speaking** : practising pronunciation, asking and answering questions, Presenting information and opinions
- Reading** : words, sentences, short texts, printed and handwritten
- Writing** : : spelling, forming sentences, creating dialogues
- Translation** : from English to German and German to English

Your teacher will **assess your progress** through your class work (spoken and written) and home work. You will sometimes have tests on learning home works. You will also reflect on your own progress and set targets.



Top tips for success

Once you've learnt the SSC's, keep practising them. Also learn **vocabulary** very regularly. 'Little and often' is what works: perhaps 5 words twice a week using your German Learner Guide. These 7 ways of memorising words help many learners:

- Make flashcards
- Invent rhymes and raps
- Teach the words to someone else
- Stick up 'word' post-its where you will see them everyday
- Think about each word: what does it remind you of?
- Quizlet: your Learner Guide has all the QR codes for fast access.
- Take part in competitions: The German Olympiad, Lingofest, Translation Bee
- Try to keep in regular contact with a German partner

Use this checklist to ensure that your German shows progress through the year:

- Have you identified letters carefully and used capital letters where required?
- Is your pronunciation / spelling good?
- Have you expressed opinions?
- Have you extended some sentences with connectives?
- Have you checked the grammar of your sentences?



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