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Rationale

Communication is a human imperative, involving interaction to convey meaning as well as imagination, creativity and a broad understanding of ourselves and others. Language learning provides the opportunity for students to engage with the linguistic and cultural diversity of the world and its peoples, and reflect on their experience in various aspects of social life, including their own participation and ways of being in the world.

Western Australian senior secondary Languages courses, of which German: Background Language is one, operate from the fundamental principle that, for all students, communicating in two or more languages is a rich, challenging experience of engaging with and participating in the linguistic and cultural diversity of our interconnected world.

Students who study German in the senior secondary years build on a diverse range of language and intercultural knowledge, understanding and skills gained through previous experiences at school and in the community. The study of German enables students to engage with a language spoken by around one hundred and thirty million people worldwide across forty-two countries. German is the most-widely spoken language in the European Union, the official language of Germany, Austria and Liechtenstein and one of the official languages of Switzerland, Luxembourg and Belgium.

As German is spoken in Australia, many opportunities exist to hear and use the language in real-life situations as well as through German media in Australia and actual and virtual connections with German-speaking communities in the rest of the world. Proficiency in German may provide students with enhanced vocational opportunities in domains which include business, trade, science, law, education, tourism, diplomacy, international relations, health and communications.

The German: Background Language ATAR course is designed for students who have typically been brought up in a home where German is used, who have a connection with (or exposure to) the language and culture, and who may engage in some active but predominantly receptive use of the language at home. These students have some degree of understanding and knowledge of German. They have received all or most of their formal education in schools where English, or a language other than German, is the medium of instruction.

Students may have undertaken some study of German in a community, primary and/or secondary school in Australia. Students may have had formal education in a school where German is the medium of instruction and may have spent some time in a country where it is a medium of communication.

This course focuses on building on and further developing a student's language capability through engagement with German-speaking communities, locally and overseas, and through the study of contemporary texts, topics and issues. It enables students to strengthen their personal connections to German language and culture, and enhances the development of their bilingual competence and bicultural identity.

The language to be studied and assessed is Modern Standard German.

The rich linguistic and cultural diversity of Western Australia, to which German-speaking communities contribute significantly, provides an educational environment where the study of languages and cultures is valued as a unique and integral part of the Western Australian curriculum.

Application for enrolment in a language course

All students wishing to study a Western Australian Certificate of Education (WACE) language course are required to complete an application for permission to enrol in a WACE language course in the year prior to first enrolment in the course.

Aims

The German: Background Language ATAR course builds on students' German language proficiency and knowledge about the cultures of German-speaking communities. It enables students to:

- interact with others to exchange information, ideas, opinions and experiences in German
- analyse a range of texts in German to comprehend and interpret meaning
- apply the skills they have acquired to produce texts in German to convey information and express ideas, opinions and experiences for specific audiences, purposes and contexts
- strengthen their intercultural communication skills in both the German and English languages
- improve their understanding of language as a system
- reflect on the relationship between language and culture.

Organisation

This course is organised into a Year 11 syllabus and a Year 12 syllabus. The cognitive complexity of the syllabus content increases from Year 11 to Year 12.

Structure of the syllabus

The Year 11 syllabus is divided into two units, each of one semester duration, which are typically delivered as a pair. The notional time for each unit is 55 class contact hours.

Unit 1

This unit focuses on three topics: Young people and their relationships, Traditions and values in a contemporary society, and Our changing environment. Through these topics, students build on their intercultural and linguistic skills to gain a deeper understanding of the German language.

Unit 2

This unit focuses on three topics: Pressures in today's society, German identity in the Australian context, and Media and communication. Through these topics, students build on their intercultural and linguistic skills to gain a deeper understanding of the German language.

Each unit includes:

- a unit description – a short description of the focus of the unit
- unit content – the content to be taught and learned.

Organisation of content

The course content is divided into five content areas:

- Perspectives and topics
- Text types and styles of writing
- Linguistic resources
- Intercultural understandings
- Language learning and communication strategies.

These content areas should not be considered in isolation, but rather holistically as content areas that complement one another, and that are interrelated and interdependent.

Perspectives and topics

Each unit is defined by three perspectives and a set of topics.

The perspectives are:

- personal – explores aspects of the student’s personal world, aspirations, values, opinions, ideas and relationships with others. They also explore the topic from the perspectives of other people
- community – explores topics from the perspectives of individuals and groups within those communities or the communities as a whole, and develops an understanding of how culture and identity are expressed through language
- global – explores trends and issues as they affect the global community.

Each perspective has a set of topics that promote meaningful communication and enable students to extend their understanding of German language and culture. The placement of topics under one or more of the three perspectives is intended to provide a specific perspective for teaching, learning and assessment.

Text types and styles of writing

In learning a language, it is necessary to engage with and/or produce a wide variety of text types and styles of writing.

Text types are categories of print, spoken, visual or audiovisual text, identified in terms of purpose, audience and features. Text types and textual conventions vary across languages and cultures, and provide information about the society and culture in which they are produced. Students are encouraged to listen to, read and view a range of texts, and need to be provided with opportunities to engage with them.

Styles of writing are the features, patterns and rules of texts which are determined by the text type and the context, audience and purpose of the text. They also include protocols for participating in communication, such as ways of initiating conversations, framing requests, disagreeing and responding. Students are expected to respond to and produce the following styles of writing individually or in combination: descriptive, informative, personal, persuasive and reflective.

In school-based assessments and the ATAR course examinations, students are expected to respond to and/or produce a range of spoken and written text types in various styles of writing in German.

Linguistic resources

Linguistic resources are the specific elements of language that are necessary for communication. Acquiring linguistic resources allows for the development of knowledge, skills and understandings relevant to the vocabulary, grammar, and sound and writing systems of German.

In the German: Background Language ATAR course, students are required to further develop their knowledge and understanding of the structure of German. Students will need to use German at a sophisticated level, with a wide range of vocabulary, and a depth and breadth of language use, particularly to accommodate the language necessary for communication within, and about, the topics.

Intercultural understandings

Intercultural understandings involve developing knowledge, awareness and understanding of one's own culture/s and language/s, as well as that of the German-speaking world. The study of the perspectives and topics, text types and styles of writing and linguistic resources will enable the development of intercultural understandings which enhances the ability to communicate, interact and negotiate within and across languages and cultures, and to understand oneself and others.

The development of intercultural competence can be described as moving from a stage, where students are not aware of, or do not understand or practise, cultural norms, to one where cultural practices are so internalised that the student no longer notices them. Students with a background in the German language and/or culture already have experience in negotiating between that culture and language and their Australian cultural identity. The German: Background Language ATAR course provides opportunities for these students to reflect on and analyse cultural practices and norms in an ongoing process of interpretation, self-reflection, comparison and negotiation, and to enable them to learn more about, better understand, and eventually move between their cultures and languages.

Language learning and communication strategies

Language learning and communication strategies are processes, techniques and skills relevant to:

- supporting learning and the acquisition of language
- making meaning from texts
- producing texts
- engaging in spoken interaction.

These strategies support and enhance the development of literacy skills and enable further development of cognitive skills through thinking critically and analytically, solving problems and making connections. Students should be taught these strategies explicitly and be provided with opportunities to practise them.

Progression from the Years 7–10 curriculum

The Western Australian Curriculum: Languages Years 7–10 is organised through two interrelated strands: Communicating and Understanding. Communicating is broadly focused on using language for communicative purposes in interpreting, creating and exchanging meaning, whereas Understanding involves examining language and culture as resources for interpreting and creating meaning. Together, these strands reflect three important aspects of language learning: performance of communication, analysing various aspects of language and culture involved in communication, and understanding oneself as a communicator.

This syllabus continues to develop the knowledge, understandings and skills that ensure students communicate in German and understand language, culture and learning and their relationship, and thereby develop an intercultural capability in communication.

Representation of the general capabilities

The general capabilities encompass the knowledge, skills, behaviours and dispositions that will assist students to live and work successfully in the twenty-first century. Teachers may find opportunities to incorporate the capabilities into the teaching, learning and assessment program for the German: Background Language ATAR course. The general capabilities are not assessed unless they are identified within the specified unit content.

Literacy

The German: Background Language ATAR course develops students' ability to listen to, read, view, create and perform a range of spoken, written and multimodal texts in German. It provides opportunities for students to move between German and English to analyse, interpret and reflect on texts. They convey information, ideas and opinions in a variety of text types and formats, and write German texts, in different text types and styles of writing, for a range of contexts, purposes and audiences, applying their knowledge of linguistic resources.

For language learners, literacy involves skills and knowledge that need guidance, time and support to develop. These skills include:

- developing an ability to decode and encode from sound to written systems
- mastering grammatical, orthographic, and textual conventions
- developing semantic, pragmatic, and critical literacy skills.

For learners of German, literacy development in the language enhances and extends their knowledge and understanding of English literacy and uses their knowledge of English literacy to support their learning in German.

Numeracy

Students become numerate as they develop the knowledge and skills to use mathematics confidently across all learning areas at school and in their lives more broadly. Numeracy involves students recognising and understanding the role of mathematics in the world and having the dispositions and capacities to use mathematical knowledge and skills purposefully.

Learning German affords opportunities for learners to develop, use and understand patterns, order and relationships, and to reinforce concepts, such as number, time and space, in their own and in different cultural and linguistic systems.

Information and communication technology capability

In the German: Background Language ATAR course, students develop information and communication technology (ICT) capability as they learn to use ICT effectively and appropriately to access, create and communicate information and ideas, solve problems, and work collaboratively at school and in their lives beyond school. ICT capability involves students in learning to make the most of the technologies available to them, adapting to new ways of doing things as technologies evolve and limiting the risks to themselves and others in a digital environment.

Language learning is enhanced through the use of ICT. Accessing live language environments and texts via digital media extends the boundaries of the classroom and provides opportunities to develop information technology capabilities as well as linguistic and cultural knowledge.

Critical and creative thinking

The German: Background Language ATAR course develops students' ability to think logically, critically and creatively. It provides opportunities for students to inquire, generate, analyse and reflect on a range of information, ideas and perspectives in spoken and written texts. Students learn how to analyse texts and interpret how the language of texts conveys meaning. They reflect on the thinking and processes used to mediate meaning between languages. They apply their knowledge of language as a system to new contexts and learn to revise and modify texts when considering context, purpose and audience.

As students learn to interact with people from diverse backgrounds, and as they explore and reflect critically, they learn to notice, connect, compare, and analyse aspects of German language and culture. As a result, they develop critical thinking skills as well as analytical and problem-solving skills.

Personal and social capability

The German: Background Language ATAR course enhances students' personal and social capability as they learn to understand themselves and others and manage their relationships, lives, work and learning more effectively. As they interact with German speakers in culturally appropriate ways in a range of contexts and situations, students develop an understanding of the importance of communicating in a respectful manner.

In the German: Background Language ATAR course, learning to interact in a collaborative and respectful manner, being open-minded and recognising that people view and experience the world in different ways are key elements of personal and social competence. Interacting effectively in an additional language and with people of diverse language backgrounds involves negotiating and interpreting meaning in a range of social and cultural situations – essential aspects of learning German.

Ethical understanding

In learning German, students learn to acknowledge and value difference in their interactions with others and to develop respect for diverse ways of perceiving and acting in the world. Ethical understanding involves students in building a strong personal and socially oriented ethical outlook

that helps them to manage context, conflict and uncertainty, and to develop an awareness of the influence that their values and behaviour have on others.

Intercultural understanding

The Intercultural understanding capability is central to the learning of German in the German: Background Language ATAR course as students learn to value their own cultures, languages and beliefs, and those of others. In German, development of intercultural understanding is a central aim, as it is integral to communicating in the context of diversity, the development of global citizenship and lifelong learning.

Students bring to their learning various preconceptions, assumptions and orientations shaped by their existing language/s and culture/s that can be challenged by the new language experience. Learning to move between the existing and new languages and cultures is integral to language learning and is the key to the development of students' intercultural capability.

By learning a new language, students are able to notice, compare and reflect on things previously taken for granted. This allows them to explore their own linguistic, social and cultural practices as well as those associated with the new language. They begin to see the complexity, variability and sometimes the contradictions involved in using language.

Learning German is an enriching and cumulative process, which broadens students' communicative repertoire, providing additional resources for interpreting and making meaning. Students come to realise that interactions between different people through the use of different languages also involve interactions between the different kinds of knowledge, understanding and values that are articulated through language/s and culture/s. They realise that successful intercultural communication is not only determined by what they do or say, but also by what members of the other language and culture understand from what they do or say.

Learning to move between languages and cultures is integral to language learning and is the key to the development of students' intercultural understanding.

Intercultural understandings is one of the five content areas of this course.

Representation of the cross-curriculum priorities

The cross-curriculum priorities address the contemporary issues which students face in a globalised world. Teachers may find opportunities to incorporate the priorities into the teaching and learning program for the German: Background Language ATAR course. The cross-curriculum priorities are not assessed unless they are identified within the specified unit content.

Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander histories and cultures

The study of Languages recognises the interrelationship of languages, identities and cultures across languages, including Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander languages, and develops an understanding of concepts related to the linguistic landscape of Australia. The German: Background Language ATAR course, along with the Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander histories and cultures priority, enables students to develop knowledge and understanding by engaging them with the languages and cultures of Australia.

By exploring and reflecting on the interrelationship between language, culture and identity, students are provided with opportunities to understand that the ways in which people use language reflect the values and beliefs of their respective communities, including Australia's rich and diverse Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander communities. The knowledge and understanding gained through this priority will enhance the ability of young people to participate positively in the ongoing development of Australia.

Asia and Australia's engagement with Asia

In Languages, students are able to learn languages of the Asian region, learning to communicate and interact in interculturally appropriate ways and exploring concepts, experiences and perspectives from within and across Asian cultures.

In all the languages, the priority of Asia and Australia's engagement with Asia provides opportunities for students to develop an appreciation for the place of Australia within the Asian region, including the interconnections of languages and cultures, peoples and communities, histories and economies. They learn how Australia is situated within the Asian region and how our national linguistic and cultural identity is continuously evolving locally, regionally and within an international context.

In learning German, students may engage with a range of texts and concepts related to:

- Asia and Australia's engagement with Asia
- languages and cultures of Asia
- people of Asian heritage within Australia.

Sustainability

The German: Background Language ATAR course provides a context for students to develop their knowledge and understanding of concepts, perspectives and issues related to sustainability in German-speaking communities and the world. Students engage with a range of texts to obtain, interpret and present information, ideas and opinions on concepts, such as the environment, conservation, social and political change and how language and culture evolve, and develop their knowledge, understanding and skills relating to sustainability within particular unit topics.

Through interacting with others, respectfully negotiating meaning and mutual understanding and reflecting on communication, students can learn to live and work in ways that are both productive and sustainable.

Unit 1

Unit description

In Unit 1, students build on their intercultural and linguistic skills to gain a deeper understanding of the German language.

Unit content

This unit includes the knowledge, understandings and skills described below.

Perspectives and topics

Unit 1 is organised around three perspectives and a set of three topics. Engaging with the topics from the three different perspectives provides students with opportunities to understand how language is created for particular purposes, and how it can be understood differently by different audiences. As a result, students develop the ability to express, in speech and in writing, their own insights and reflections, and compare them with those of others.

Perspectives	Topics
<p>Personal</p> <p>Students explore the topic from their own point of view or from the viewpoint of individuals from German-speaking communities.</p>	<p>Young people and their relationships</p> <p>Students explore their relationships with family and their connections with friends.</p>
<p>Community</p> <p>Students investigate how the topic relates to groups in German-speaking communities.</p>	<p>Traditions and values in a contemporary society</p> <p>Students investigate how the traditions and values of German-speaking communities are maintained.</p>
<p>Global</p> <p>Students examine how the topic impacts the global community.</p>	<p>Our changing environment</p> <p>Students examine global environmental issues.</p>

Text types and styles of writing

Text types

It is necessary for students to engage with a range of text types. In school-based assessments, students are expected to respond to and/or produce a range of text types in German from the list below.

- account
- advertisement
- announcement
- article
- blog post
- chart
- comic strip
- conversation
- description
- discussion
- email
- form
- image
- infographic
- interview
- journal entry
- letter
- message
- note
- plan
- poem
- presentation
- review
- role play
- script – conversation, interview, speech
- song
- speech
- summary
- table

Styles of writing

Students should respond to and produce the following range of styles of writing in school-based assessments, individually or in combination: descriptive, personal, persuasive.

Refer to Appendix 2 for details of the features and conventions of the text types and characteristics of the styles of writing.

Linguistic resources

Vocabulary

Vocabulary, phrases and expressions associated with the unit content.

Grammar

Students will be expected to recognise and use the following grammatical items.

Grammatical items	Sub-elements
Adjectives	present participle used as adjective †
Conjunctions	coordinating: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>entweder ... oder</i> • <i>sowohl ... als auch</i> • <i>weder ... noch</i>
Particles	modal particles †: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>doch, ja, denn, mal, schon, wohl, zwar, allerdings, freilich, überhaupt</i>
Prepositions	with the genitive: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>trotz</i> • <i>während</i> • <i>wegen</i>
Pronouns	relative clauses
Sentence and phrase types	indirect questions
Tenses and verbs	imperfect
	pluperfect
	subjunctive II

† For recognition only

Refer to Appendix 3 for elaborations of grammatical items.

Sound and writing systems

In the German: Background Language ATAR course, students show understanding and apply knowledge of the German sound and writing systems to effectively communicate information, ideas and opinions in a variety of situations.

Intercultural understandings

The perspectives and topics, textual conventions of the text types and styles of writing selected, and linguistic resources for the unit should provide students with opportunities to further develop their linguistic and intercultural competence, and enable them to reflect on the ways in which culture influences communication.

Language learning and communication strategies

Language learning and communication strategies taught in this unit will depend on the needs of the students and the learning experiences and/or communication activities taking place. Students should be taught these strategies explicitly and be provided with opportunities to practise them.

Refer to Appendix 4 for a list of language learning and communication strategies.

Dictionaries

Students develop the necessary skills to use dictionaries effectively.

In the written examination, students are permitted to use monolingual and/or bilingual printed dictionaries, in one or two separate volumes.

Unit 2

Unit description

In Unit 2, students build on their intercultural and linguistic skills to gain a deeper understanding of the German language.

Unit content

This unit builds on the content covered in Unit 1.

This unit includes the knowledge, understandings and skills described below.

Perspectives and topics

Unit 2 is organised around three perspectives and a set of three topics. Engaging with the topics from the different perspectives provides students with opportunities to understand how language is created for particular purposes, and how it can be understood differently by different audiences. As a result, students develop the ability to express, in speech and in writing, their own insights and reflections, and compare them with those of others.

Perspectives	Topics
<p>Personal</p> <p>Students explore the topic from their own point of view or from the viewpoint of individuals from German-speaking communities.</p>	<p>Pressures in today's society</p> <p>Students explore a range of personal and social pressures and the relevance of these in their own lives.</p>
<p>Community</p> <p>Students investigate how the topic relates to groups in German-speaking communities.</p>	<p>German identity in the Australian context</p> <p>Students investigate the place of German-speaking communities in Australia through migration experiences.</p>
<p>Global</p> <p>Students examine how the topic impacts the global community.</p>	<p>Media and communication</p> <p>Students examine the media and new technologies and their impact on society.</p>

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- interview
- journal entry
- letter
- message
- note
- plan
- poem
- presentation
- review
- role play
- script – conversation, interview, speech
- song
- speech
- summary
- table

Styles of writing

Students should respond to and produce the following styles of writing in school-based assessments, individually or in combination: informative, persuasive, reflective.

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Vocabulary

Vocabulary, phrases and expressions associated with the unit content.

Grammar

Students will be expected to recognise and use the following grammatical items.

Grammatical items	Sub-elements
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Conjunctions	coordinating: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>entweder ... oder</i> • <i>sowohl ... als auch</i> • <i>weder ... noch</i>
Particles	modal particles †: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>doch, ja, denn, mal, schon, wohl, zwar, allerdings, freilich, überhaupt</i>
Prepositions	with the genitive: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>dank</i> • <i>(an)statt</i>
Pronouns	relative clauses
Sentence and phrase types	indirect questions
Tenses and verbs	imperfect
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	subjunctive II

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Sound and writing systems

In the German: Background Language ATAR course, students show understanding and apply knowledge of the German sound and writing systems to effectively communicate information, ideas and opinions in a variety of situations.

Intercultural understandings

The perspectives and topics, textual conventions of the text types and styles of writing selected, and linguistic resources for the unit should provide students with opportunities to further develop their linguistic and intercultural competence and enable them to reflect on the ways in which culture influences communication.

Language learning and communication strategies

Language learning and communication strategies taught in this unit will depend on the needs of the students and the learning experiences and/or communication activities taking place. Students should be taught these strategies explicitly and be provided with opportunities to practise them.

Refer to Appendix 4 for a list of language learning and communication strategies.

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Assessment

Assessment is an integral part of teaching and learning that in the senior secondary years:

- provides evidence of student achievement
- identifies opportunities for further learning
- connects to the standards described for the course
- contributes to the recognition of student achievement.

Assessment for learning (formative) and assessment of learning (summative) enable teachers to gather evidence to support students and make judgements about student achievement. These are not necessarily discrete approaches and may be used individually or together, and formally or informally.

Formative assessment involves a range of informal and formal assessment procedures used by teachers during the learning process to improve student achievement and to guide teaching and learning activities. It often involves qualitative feedback (rather than scores) for both students and teachers, which focuses on the details of specific knowledge and skills that are being learnt.

Summative assessment involves assessment procedures that aim to determine students' learning at a particular time; for example, when reporting against the standards or after completion of a unit or units. These assessments should be limited in number and made clear to students through the assessment outline.

Appropriate assessment of student work in this course is underpinned by reference to a set of pre-determined course standards. These standards describe the level of achievement required to achieve each grade from A to E. Teachers use these standards to determine how well a student has demonstrated their learning.

Where relevant, higher order cognitive skills (e.g. application, analysis, evaluation and synthesis) and the general capabilities should be included in the assessment of student achievement in this course. All assessment should be consistent with the requirements identified in the course assessment table.

Assessment should not generate workload and/or stress that, under fair and reasonable circumstances, would unduly diminish the performance of students.

School-based assessment

The *Western Australian Certificate of Education (WACE) Manual* contains essential information on principles, policies and procedures for school-based assessment that must be read in conjunction with this syllabus.

School-based assessment involves teachers gathering, describing and quantifying information about student achievement.

Teachers design school-based assessment tasks to meet the needs of students. As outlined in the *WACE Manual*, school-based assessment of student achievement in this course must be based on the Principles of Assessment:

- Assessment is an integral part of teaching and learning
- Assessment should be educative
- Assessment should be fair
- Assessment should be designed to meet its specific purpose/s
- Assessment should lead to informative reporting
- Assessment should lead to school-wide evaluation processes
- Assessment should provide significant data for improvement of teaching practices.

The table below provides details of the assessment types and their weighting for the German: Background Language ATAR Year 11 syllabus.

Summative assessments in this course must:

- be limited in number to no more than eight tasks
- allow for the assessment of each assessment type at least once over the year/pair of units
- have a minimum value of five per cent of the total school assessment mark
- provide a representative sampling of the syllabus content.

Assessment tasks not administered under test or controlled conditions require appropriate authentication processes.

Assessment table – Year 11

Type of assessment	Weighting
<p>Oral communication Interaction with others to exchange information, ideas, opinions and/or experiences in spoken German. Typically, these tasks are administered under test conditions.</p>	25%
<p>Responding to texts Comprehension and interpretation of spoken and printed texts in German. Texts represent different text types and styles of writing. Questions for spoken and printed texts are either phrased in German and English for responses in English, or phrased in German and English for responses in German, depending on the requirements of the question. Typically, these tasks are administered under test conditions.</p>	30%
<p>Written communication Production of written texts to convey information and express ideas, opinions and/or experiences in German. Questions specify the context, purpose, audience, text type and style of writing. Typically, these tasks are administered under test conditions.</p>	15%
<p>Examination</p> <p>Practical (oral) examination Typically conducted at the end of each semester and/or unit. In preparation for Unit 3 and Unit 4, the examination should reflect the examination design brief included in the ATAR Year 12 syllabus for this course.</p> <p>Written examination Typically conducted at the end of each semester and/or unit. In preparation for Unit 3 and Unit 4, the examination should reflect the examination design brief included in the ATAR Year 12 syllabus for this course.</p>	10%
	20%

Teachers must use the assessment table to develop an assessment outline for the pair of units.

The assessment outline must:

- include a set of assessment tasks
- include a general description of each task
- indicate the unit content to be assessed
- indicate a weighting for each task and each assessment type
- include the approximate timing of each task (for example, the week the task is conducted or the issue and submission dates for an extended task).

Reporting

Schools report student achievement, underpinned by a set of pre-determined standards, using the following grades:

Grade	Interpretation
A	Excellent achievement
B	High achievement
C	Satisfactory achievement
D	Limited achievement
E	Very low achievement

The grade descriptions for the German: Background Language ATAR Year 11 syllabus are provided in Appendix 1. They are used to support the allocation of a grade. They can also be accessed, together with annotated work samples, on the course page of the Authority website (www.scsa.wa.edu.au).

To be assigned a grade, a student must have had the opportunity to complete the education program, including the assessment program (unless the school accepts that there are exceptional and justifiable circumstances).

Refer to the *WACE Manual* for further information about the use of a ranked list in the process of assigning grades.

The grade is determined by reference to the standard, not allocated on the basis of a pre-determined range of marks (cut-offs).

Appendix 1 – Grade descriptions Year 11

A	<p>Written production and oral production</p> <p>Manipulates and uses German effectively to communicate a range of ideas and opinions relevant to context, purpose and audience.</p> <p>Formulates logical arguments and justifies points of view consistently, and shows highly effective use of textual references.</p> <p>Reflects on and applies knowledge and understanding of the relationships between language, culture and identity in a bilingual context, where relevant.</p> <p>Uses German with a high degree of accuracy and uses vocabulary and language conventions effectively.</p> <p>Conveys meaning fluently, with possible influence of accent/dialect in pronunciation, choice of vocabulary or sentence structure.</p> <p>Organises information coherently and expresses ideas effectively.</p>
	<p>Comprehension</p> <p>Competently summarises all key points, synthesises information and nuances in texts, and provides detailed and insightful analysis.</p>
B	<p>Written production and oral production</p> <p>Uses German mostly effectively to communicate a range of ideas and opinions relevant to context, purpose and audience.</p> <p>Formulates logical arguments and justifies points of view and shows effective use of textual references.</p> <p>Applies knowledge and understanding of the relationships between language, culture and identity in a bilingual context.</p> <p>Uses vocabulary and a range of language conventions accurately.</p> <p>Conveys meaning effectively, with possible influence of accent/dialect.</p> <p>Organises information logically and develops ideas clearly.</p>
	<p>Comprehension</p> <p>Able to extract most relevant key points and synthesises information in texts, with some analysis and interpretation.</p>
C	<p>Written production and oral production</p> <p>Uses German satisfactorily to communicate ideas and opinions relevant to context, purpose and audience.</p> <p>Shows some ability to express and support a point of view.</p> <p>Applies some knowledge of the relationships between language, culture and identity in a bilingual context.</p> <p>Uses vocabulary and language conventions mostly accurately.</p> <p>Conveys meaning mostly accurately, with some influence of accent/dialect.</p> <p>Shows some organisation and sequencing of ideas and information.</p>
	<p>Comprehension</p> <p>Extracts and summarises some relevant information from texts, with limited analysis and interpretation.</p>

D

Written production and oral production

Communicates simple, personal ideas and basic information in German.

Displays some ability to express a point of view using predominantly well-rehearsed, simple vocabulary and language conventions.

Shows some awareness of the relationships between language, culture and identity in a bilingual context.

Uses familiar vocabulary, simple sentence structures and learned expressions mostly accurately.

Makes errors in pronunciation that affect meaning clearly and flow.

Provides some evidence of the ability to link ideas.

Comprehension

Extracts and summarises some relevant information from texts, with limited analysis.

E

Does not meet the requirements of a D grade and/or has completed insufficient assessment tasks to be assigned a higher grade.

Note: grade descriptions are to be refined using validated evidence from assessment samples and feedback from teachers.

Appendix 2 – Text types and styles of writing

These lists are provided to enable a common understanding of the text types and styles of writing for this syllabus.

Text types

Account

In both spoken and written form, accounts retell something that happened: a story. Accounts have a title and are often in the first person. They describe a series of events or experiences and are often presented in a logical manner. At the conclusion, there may be a resolution. Language is either formal or informal, with time words used to connect ideas and action words used to describe events.

Advertisement

Advertisements promote a product or service. Emotive, factual or persuasive language is used in an informal or colloquial register. They often use abbreviated words and sentences, comparatives and superlatives, and may be in spoken, written or graphic form.

Announcement

In both spoken and written form, announcements present factual information about an event that has recently occurred or is about to occur. They may also be in graphic form. Announcements can sometimes use a formal register, but may also be in informal or colloquial register. They include factual, straightforward language with little elaboration, and present information in a logical sequence.

Article

Articles consist of a section of text from a newspaper, magazine, web page or other publication. Typically, articles have a title that indicates the content. They are usually in a formal register, and the language in an article can be descriptive, factual, judgemental, emotive or persuasive, depending on the context. Articles develop ideas and opinions and often end with a statement of conclusion or advice to the reader. They may be accompanied by a graphic, if necessary. Articles can be reproduced directly, or can be modified to make the language more accessible for students.

Blog post

Web logs (blogs) are basically journals that are available on the internet. Many blogs provide commentary or news on a particular subject; others function more as personal online diaries. Typically, blogs combine text and images, and link to other blogs, web pages and other media related to their topic. Students will generally be required to write a response to a blog (a post). Posts can sometimes use a formal register but may also be in an informal or colloquial register. The language in a blog post can be descriptive, factual, judgemental, emotive or persuasive, depending on the context.

Chart

Charts organise and represent a set of data in a diagram or table. They may also visually represent knowledge, concepts, thoughts or ideas. They are typically graphical and contain very little text. Charts include a title that provides a succinct description of what the data in the chart refers to, and contain key words that readers are looking for. They are usually in a formal register.

Comic strip

Comic strips or cartoons represent a drawing or sequence of drawings arranged in panels to display brief humour, or form a narrative, with text in balloons and captions. The language in a comic strip or cartoon can be subjective or objective, descriptive, factual, judgemental, humorous, emotive or persuasive, depending on the context, and may involve a range of tenses. A comic strip or cartoon may illustrate or describe an event, or series of events, often presented in a logical sequence, and at the conclusion there may be a resolution.

Conversation

In both spoken and written form, conversations often begin with an exchange of opening salutations, followed by a question or statement, and then a two-way sustained interaction. The language is often authentic, informal and conversational in style, sometimes with interjections, incomplete sentences, and pauses and fillers.

The register of conversations will often depend on the context and the relationship between participants.

Description

Descriptions of people, places, animals, events or feelings, or a combination of these, can often be found within another context (letter, article etc.). Information can be presented in an objective or subjective way. Details are presented to create a clear image for the reader. Extravagant language or superlatives may be used to emphasise an impression, atmosphere or mood. Descriptions may contain references to sight, sound, smell, touch, taste or feelings.

Discussion

In both spoken and written form, discussions are used to present different ideas and opinions on a particular issue or topic. They often use a formal register but may also be informal. The language of discussions uses comparison and contrast words, linking words and language that indicates judgements and values.

Email

The language of email messages could be formal or informal, depending on the context. A message from one friend to another should be colloquial. A message that is business-related should use a more formal register. Although authentic emails often do not have either a salutation at the beginning, or a signature at the end, they should have both when writing for assessment in order to indicate more clearly the context of the message.

Form

Forms contain a series of questions asked of individuals to obtain information about a given position, focus, topic etc. In their design, they have a title, contact details and questions. Forms may include categories. The language of forms is often objective and includes descriptive words, a range of tenses and a variety of questions to address. As a response, students could be asked to complete a form or respond to questions or criteria in an application, such as for a job.

Image

Images can frequently be used on their own, as they can communicate ideas in much more complete and complex ways than words alone. At other times, they are included with a title or caption or other text as a stimulus for response. Images should always complement and provide information on the topic or text.

Infographic

Infographics (information graphics) communicate information in a visual or graphic form. Images, charts, symbols, colour and text are used to convey knowledge, concepts or key messages quickly and clearly. Information in infographics can be presented in an objective or subjective way and the language used can be descriptive, factual or persuasive, depending on the context.

Interview

In both spoken and written form, interviews often begin with an exchange of opening salutations, followed by a question or statement and then a two-way sustained interaction. The language is often authentic, informal and conversational in style, sometimes with interjections, incomplete sentences, and pauses and fillers to maintain the conversation.

The register of interviews will often depend on the context and the relationship between participants.

Journal entry

Journal entries record personal reflections, comments, information or experiences of the writer. The language of journal entries should generally be informal and colloquial, and entries are often written in the first person. Entries use subjective language to give a clear sense of the writer's personality and to explain their feelings and emotions. The layout should appear authentic, provide a sense of time and sequence, and possibly include a place name.

Letter

Formal letters are written communication in formal contexts to convey/request information, lodge a complaint or express an opinion. The layout of a formal letter must include the date, the address of the sender and recipient, and a formal greeting and phrase of farewell. The language should be in a formal register, and deal with a business or other specific topic. Common features of a formal letter are the use of objective language, full sentences and paragraphs, frequent use of formulaic language and a logical and cohesive sequence of ideas.

Informal letters are written communication with acquaintances, friends and family, to inform or to amuse. The layout of an informal letter can be less stylised than a formal letter, possibly with only the date, the address of the sender, a casual greeting and a phrase of farewell. The language can be informal and colloquial, and the content can be simple and casual. Common features of an informal letter are the use of subjective language, a less complex sentence structure than in formal letters, and a logical and cohesive sequence of ideas.

Message

In both spoken and written form, messages are objects of communication that inform, request, instruct or remind. The written forms are less formal than informal letters and are often used to convey information left as a voice mail on a phone. They have a salutation and a signing off, but the content should be brief and to the point, and convey a specific piece of information with little extra detail.

Note

Notes are written to inform, request, instruct or remind. They are less formal than informal letters. Notes have a salutation and a signing off, but the content should be brief and to the point, and convey a specific piece of information with little extra detail.

Plan

Plans are created by individuals to record what they are going to do. They can be any diagram or list of steps, with timing and resources used, to achieve an objective. Plans provide specific details, and depending on the context, may be either in a formal or informal register, present a range of tenses, or contain language that can be subjective or objective, descriptive, factual, judgemental, humorous, emotive or persuasive.

Plans can also be a form of expressing meaning through symbols, governed by a set of conventions, that aim to instruct, inform, or communicate a sense of place. Plans are usually in a formal register and frequently use formulaic expressions. They may have a title, orientation, scale, longitude and latitude, an index grid and a key.

Poem

Poems are sets of words that convey an experience, idea or emotion. Poems can be used to introduce language structures and new vocabulary. A whole poem or a selection of lines from a poem can be used as a basis for comprehension. The language in poems used in the course must be accessible.

Presentation

Presentations communicate ideas, opinions and attitudes. Their aim is to entertain, inform or persuade their audience. A presentation begins with a statement of purpose, followed by an explanation or presentation of an argument and ending with some concluding remarks. The language used in presentations is often subjective, as the presenter is seeking to persuade and engage the audience through descriptive words, humour and anecdotes.

Review

Reviews are evaluations of works such as films, songs, musical performances, novels or stories. The plot summary and description of the work or performance form the majority of the review. The language and structure are formal; however, more personal and evaluative comments are often included. A title should be given.

Role play

In both spoken and written form, role plays are used to communicate and exchange ideas, information, opinions and experiences. Role plays would generally have only two speakers, but each speaker must be clearly identified. A role play often begins with an exchange of opening salutations, followed by a question or statement and then a two-way sustained interaction. The language is often authentic, informal and conversational in style, sometimes with interjections, incomplete sentences and pauses and fillers to maintain the conversation. The language level of role plays will often depend on the context and the relationship between participants.

Script – conversation, interview, speech

Scripts are written forms of conversations, interviews, speeches that communicate and exchange ideas, information, opinions and experiences. Scripts would generally have only two speakers, possibly an interviewer and an interviewee, but each speaker must be clearly identified. A script often begins with an exchange of opening salutations, followed by a question or statement and then a two-way sustained interaction. The language is often authentic, informal and conversational in style, sometimes with interjections, incomplete sentences and pauses and fillers to maintain the conversation. The language level of scripts will often depend on the context and the relationship between participants.

Song

Songs are short poems or sets of words that are set to music and are meant to be sung. The lyrics of a song are used as a basis for comprehension, although it must be remembered that popular songs often contain colloquial language or slang that is difficult for students to understand if they have not heard the song before.

Speech

Speeches, in their oral form, communicate ideas, opinions and attitudes to entertain, persuade, welcome or thank their audience. A speech often begins with a statement of purpose followed by an explanation, sequence of events or presentation of argument, and ends with some concluding remarks. Descriptive words, formal or informal language and a range of tenses are typical in speeches. The language is often subjective, sometimes using slogans, catch phrases, humour and anecdotes to engage the audience.

Summary

Summaries present the essential points and relevant details from an original text. A summary will often have a title, an introduction, content and a conclusion. They often require the use of full sentences and may contain reported speech. The language of summaries may either be formal or informal.

Table

Tables organise and represent a set of data in a diagram or table. They may also visually represent knowledge, concepts, thoughts or ideas. Tables are typically graphical, containing very little text; however, they do include a title that provides a succinct description of what the data in the chart or table refers to. They are usually in a formal register.

Styles of writing**Descriptive**

Descriptive writing engages the reader's attention, as the writer paints a picture through words to make the reader see what they have seen. The writer uses precisely chosen vocabulary with evocative adjectives and adverbs, similes and metaphors to create a vivid impression of a person, place, object or event, a character or a particular mood or atmosphere. Descriptive writing evokes feelings and attitudes using connotative language. The writing is structured and ordered, using active verbs and varied sentences, at times with sensory descriptions to increase the reader's experience.

Informative

Informative writing conveys information as clearly, comprehensively and accurately as possible. The language should generally be formal and in an objective style with impersonal expressions used. Normally, no particular point of view is conveyed; rather, facts, examples, explanations, analogies and sometimes statistical information, quotations and references are provided as evidence. The language is clear and unambiguous, and information is structured and sequenced logically. The writing contains few adjectives, adverbs and images except as examples or analogies in explanation.

Personal

Personal (expressive) writing refers to various forms of writing used for recording, sharing or describing personal experiences, events or ideas. It establishes a relationship between the writer and the reader and creates a sense of the personality of the writer in the reader's mind. The writer

attempts to unravel their feelings or ideas and emphasise ideas, opinions, feelings and impressions rather than factual, objective information. Personal writing is generally composed in the first and/or second person in a subjective, informal style and often includes emotive language.

Persuasive

Persuasive writing aims to convert the reader to a particular point of view or attitude in order to convince them to act or respond in a certain way. The writer attempts to manipulate the reader's emotions and opinions, giving logical reasons and supporting evidence to defend the position or recommend action. The language used may be extravagant, using exaggeration, superlatives, and humour to create a relationship between the writer and the reader.

Reflective

Reflective writing explores opinions or events for greater understanding and tries to convey something personal to the reader. Generally using a personal voice, it allows the writer to examine their own beliefs, values and attitudes. The language used is often emotive, as reflective writing involves personal responses to experiences, events, opinions and situations.

Appendix 3 – Elaborations of grammatical items

Elaborations are examples that accompany the grammatical items and sub-elements. They are intended to assist teachers to understand what is to be taught. They are not intended to be complete or comprehensive but are provided as support only.

Unit 1 and Unit 2

Grammatical items	Sub-elements	Elaborations
Adjectives	present participle used as adjective †	<i>die weinenden Kinder</i>
Conjunctions	coordinating: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <i>entweder ... oder</i> <i>sowohl ... als auch</i> <i>weder ... noch</i> 	<i>Entweder du kommst mit mir, oder du bleibst bei deiner Großmutter.</i> <i>Sowohl meine Eltern, als auch meine Großeltern sind in Europa geboren.</i> <i>Sie streitet weder mit ihrem Bruder, noch mit ihrer Schwester.</i>
Particles	modal particles †: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <i>doch, ja, denn, mal, schon, wohl, zwar, allerdings, freilich, überhaupt</i> 	<i>Das ist ja schön!</i> <i>Was machst du denn?</i> <i>Was willst du überhaupt machen?</i>
Prepositions	with the genitive: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <i>trotz</i> <i>während</i> <i>wegen</i> <i>dank</i> <i>(an)statt</i> 	<i>Trotz des schlechten Wetters machten sie einen Sonntagsspaziergang.</i> <i>Während der Adventszeit riecht es oft nach Plätzchen.</i> <i>Wegen der Mittagsruhe konnte er den Rasen nicht mähen.</i> <i>Dank meiner Lehrerin kann ich Deutsch sprechen.</i> <i>Anstatt eines Hauses kauft er eine Wohnung.</i>
Pronouns	relative clauses	<i>Wie effektiv ist die Solaranlage, die auf dem Balkon steht?</i> <i>Um Geld zu haben, muss man einen Job finden.</i> <i>Der Film, den du sehen willst, läuft jetzt im Kino.</i> <i>Wie heißt der Fluß, an dem Heidelberg liegt?</i>
Sentence and phrase types	indirect questions	<i>Weißt du nicht, was fossile Energiequellen sind?</i>
Tenses and verbs	imperfect	<i>er ging, sie machte</i>
	pluperfect	<i>Er war gegangen.</i> <i>Sie hatte es gemacht.</i>
	subjunctive II	<i>würde, hätte, wäre, könnte, müsste, sollte, möchte, dürfte, wollte</i> <i>Würden Sie mir bitte noch ein Stück Kuchen reichen?</i>

† For recognition only

Assumed learning

Before commencing the study of Unit 1 and Unit 2, it is assumed that students have, through prior experience or study, already acquired an understanding of the following German grammatical items.

Grammatical items	Sub-elements	Elaborations
Adjectives	Common adjectives	<i>klein, groß</i>
	adjectives derived from place names	<i>Schweizer Schokolade das Brandenburger Tor Münchner Bier im Kölner Dom</i>
	attributive:	
	• nominative	<i>der, die, das, die, ein, eine, ein, keine eine schöne Stadt Der blaue Rock steht mir gut.</i>
	• accusative	<i>das, den, die, einen, eine, ein, keine Petra hat einen neuen Freund.</i>
	• dative	<i>dem, der, dem, den, einem, einer, einem, keinen den anderen Leuten Wir fahren mit dem nächsten Bus.</i>
	• genitive	<i>des Weines, der Wurst, des Biers, des kalten Weines, der kalten Wurst, des kalten Biers Das Haus meiner alten Großmutter ist schön.</i>
possessive:		
• nominative	<i>mein, meine, dein, deine ... dein Vater, meine Schwester</i>	
• accusative	<i>meinen, mein, meine, deinen, dein, deine ... Kennst du meinen Bruder?</i>	
• dative	<i>meinem, meiner, meinen, deinem, deiner, deinen ... Ich laufe gern mit meinem Hund.</i>	
• genitive	<i>meines, deiner, unseres ... Die Tür meines Hotels ist rot.</i>	
demonstrative:		
• nominative	<i>dieser, diese, dieses Dieser Mann ist sehr groß.</i>	
• accusative	<i>diesen, diese, dieses Ich will diesen Pulli nicht anziehen.</i>	
• dative	<i>diesem, dieser, diesem, diesen Wir fahren nicht mit diesem alten Auto in Urlaub.</i>	
• genitive	<i>dieses, dieser, dieses, dieser Das Kind dieser Familie ist glücklich.</i>	
positive, comparative and superlative forms	<i>gut, besser, am besten lang, länger, am längsten mehr, am meisten schnell, schneller, am schnellsten toll, toller, am tollsten</i>	

Grammatical items	Sub-elements	Elaborations
		<p><i>Die Pizza im Restaurant war gut.</i> <i>Die Pizza von meiner Mutter is besser.</i> <i>Die Pizza, die wir in Italien gegessen haben, war am besten.</i> <i>Ich brauche mehr Zeit für diese Hausaufgabe.</i> <i>Am meisten freue ich mich auf diese Sommerferien.</i></p>
Adverbs	expressions of time	<i>morgen, heute, gestern</i>
	phrases (to modify meaning)	<i>Lauft so schnell wie möglich zum Supermarkt!</i>
Articles	definite:	
	• nominative	<i>der, die, das</i> <i>die Landschaft</i>
	• accusative	<i>den, die, das</i> <i>ohne die Kinder</i> <i>für den Vater</i>
	• dative	<i>dem, der, dem</i> <i>Sie arbeitet bei der Bank.</i>
	• genitive	<i>des, der, des, der</i> <i>Der Hut des Mannes ist modisch.</i>
	indefinite:	
• nominative	<i>ein, kein, eine, keine</i>	
• accusative	<i>einen, keinen, eine, keine</i> <i>Ein Mann hat einen Hund.</i>	
• dative	<i>einem, keinem, einer, keinen</i> <i>Wir arbeiten mit keinen Politikern zusammen.</i>	
• genitive	<i>eines, einer, eines, keiner</i> <i>Das Kleid eines Kindes ist schmutzig.</i>	
	possessive	<i>mein, dein, sein, ihr, unser, euer, ihr</i> <i>Das ist mein Fahrrad.</i>
	demonstrative	<i>jener, solcher, dieser</i> <i>Dieser Mantel ist mir zu klein.</i>
Conjunctions	coordinating	<i>und, aber, denn, oder, sondern</i> <i>Ich gehe schwimmen und sehe auch fern.</i>
	subordinating	<i>weil, wenn, als, dass, obwohl, während ...</i> <i>Wenn das Wetter schlecht ist, fahre ich mit dem Bus.</i>
Nouns	cases:	
	• nominative	<i>Der Mathelehrer heißt Herr Lenz.</i>
	• accusative	<i>Hast du den Mantel gekauft?</i>
	• dative	<i>Wir fahren mit dem Bus.</i>
• genitive	<i>das Haus meiner Eltern.</i>	
	gender	<i>der Mann, die Frau, das Kind</i>
	number	<i>Die Sieben ist meine Glückszahl.</i>

Grammatical items	Sub-elements	Elaborations
	adjectival	<i>Alles Gute zum Geburtstag!</i>
Numbers	cardinals	<i>eins, zwei, drei</i>
	ordinal	<i>erste, zweite, dritte ... am ersten, am zwölften</i>
Prepositions	cases:	
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> prepositions with the accusative 	<i>bis, durch, entlang, für, gegen, ohne, um Ich arbeite bis fünf Uhr nachmittags. Der Fluss fließt durch die Stadt. Wir spazieren die Küste entlang Herr Hahne ist für fünf Tage in die USA geflogen. Er is gegen die neuen Regeln. Ich kann ohne mein Handy nicht leben. Der Hund läuft um den Garten.</i>
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> prepositions with the dative 	<i>aus, bei, mit, nach, seit, von, zu, entgegen, gegenüber Ich fahre dieses Wochenende zu meiner Tante. Ich spreche seit einem Jahr Deutsch.</i>
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> prepositions with the genitive 	<i>trotz, während, statt, anstatt, wegen Wegen des Wetters kann ich nicht kommen.</i>
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> dual prepositions with the accusative or the dative 	<i>an, auf, hinter, in, neben, über, unter, vor, zwischen Ich gehe jetzt in die Schule. Ich lerne Deutsch in der Schule. Sie denkt oft an ihre Kindheit. Das Bild hängt an der Wand.</i>
	formation and use of compounds with <i>da(r)</i> and <i>wo(r)</i>	<i>womit, wozu, damit, dazu, dabei, darauf, worauf</i>
	prepositions of time:	
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> time expressions and temporal phrases 	<i>vor einiger Zeit letztens vor kurzem ... Gestern war ich im Kino. Nächste Woche mache ich das. Vor einem Jahr habe ich das nicht gewusst. Wir studieren seit einem Jahr in Berlin.</i>
Pronouns	indefinite	<i>Man kann ins Kino gehen.</i>
	personal:	
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> nominative 	<i>ich, du, er, sie, es ... Hast du Peter gehen?</i>
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> accusative 	<i>mich, dich, ihn, sie, uns, euch, sie, Sie ... Wir wollen dich besuchen.</i>
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> dative 	<i>mir, dir, ihm, ihr ... Gabi wohnt bei uns.</i>
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> genitive 	<i>meiner, meinen, meiner ... Das ist das Buch meines Bruders Ich habe das Auto deiner Schwester.</i>

Grammatical items	Sub-elements	Elaborations
	interrogative	<i>wer, was, wann, wo, warum, woher, wohin, wie viel, wie viele, wie lange ... was für ein welcher ... Was für ein Auto ist das? Wer mitmachen will, muss um 8 Uhr da sein!</i>
	with preposition	<i>Mit wem gehst du zur Party?</i>
	relative: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> accusative dativ 	<i>den, die, das ... Der Mantel, den sie gekauft hat, ist schön. Die CD, die er zum Geburtstag bekommen hat, funktioniert nicht. Kennst du die Frau, mit der Karl spricht? Kennst du den Mann, mit dem Karl gerade spricht?</i>
	reflexive	<i>mich, dich, sich, uns, euch ... Ich wasche mich. Ich wasche mir die Hände.</i>
Sentence and phrase types	statements	<i>Morgen kaufe ich ein Kleid. Heute gehe ich in die Stadt Er hat seine Hausaufgaben nicht gemacht..</i>
	questions	<i>Ich heiÙe..., Wie alt bist du? Wohnst du in Perth? Warum kommst du nicht mit? Bringst du Wurst oder Salat mit?</i>
	commands	<i>Bleib hier!</i>
	position of <i>nicht</i>	<i>Er hat seine Hausaufgaben nicht gemacht.</i>
	position of adverbs and adverbial phrases: time, manner, place	<i>Er fährt jeden Tag mit dem Bus zur Arbeit. Ich fahre morgen mit Peter nach Perth.</i>
	position of the past participle and auxiliary verb	<i>Er hat seine Hausaufgaben schon gemacht. Hast du eine Postkarte geschrieben?</i>
	phrases expressing: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> wishes and abilities opinions commands 	<i>. Ich möchte gerne ... Ich kann in der Lage Tennis zu spielen Meiner Meinung nach ..; Ich glaube, dass ...; Wir sind dagegen/dafür, denn ... Mach dein Buch zu, Angela!; Hilf mir!; Machen Sie das Fenster bitte zu, Frau Berger!</i>
	phrases expressing indefinite quantities	<i>einige, manche, mehrere Manche Menschen lieben Grammatik.</i>
Tenses and verbs	present	<i>Ich lerne Deutsch. Bist du krank?</i>
	verbs taking prepositional objects	<i>Ich freue mich auf deinen Besuch. Sie entschuldigt sich bei der Lehrerin.</i>

Grammatical items	Sub-elements	Elaborations
	infinitives with verbs of perception, motion and with <i>lassen</i>	<i>Ich hörte ihn kommen.</i> <i>Wir gehen schwimmen.</i> <i>Meine Mutter lässt mich nie fernsehen.</i>
	verbs taking the dative	<i>Ich danke dir.</i> <i>Er hilft seinem Freund.</i> <i>Das gehört ihm.</i> <i>Das gefällt mir.</i>
	separable verbs	<i>Morgen fängt die Schule an.</i>
	modals: • present • past	<i>mögen, können, müssen, wollen, dürfen, sollen</i> <i>durfte, sollte ...</i>
	perfect	<i>Gestern sind wir ins Kino gegangen.</i> <i>Er hat seine Hausaufgaben schon gemacht.</i> <i>Ich habe den Wagen gekauft.</i> <i>Hast du den Film gesehen?</i> <i>Wir sind nach Rom geflogen</i>
	future	<i>Du wirst in den Ferien arbeiten.</i> <i>Ich werde in Paris wohnen.</i> <i>Wir werden die Wahl gewinnen.</i> <i>Morgen fährt er nach Bamberg</i>
	imperfect	<i>Es war kalt und dunkel im Wald.</i> <i>Hänsel und Gretel verlieben sich im Wald.</i> <i>Damals wohnte sie auf dem Land.</i>
	simple past	<i>Als Kind hatte sie lange, blonde Haare.</i> <i>Letztes Jahr war ich in Zürich.</i> <i>Es wurde hell.</i>
	separable verbs	<i>Morgen fängt die Schule an.</i>
	inseparable verbs	<i>Ich verstehe Mathe nicht.</i>
	subjunctive II: • <i>haben, sein</i> and modals • in requests	<i>würde, hätte, wäre, könnte, müsste, sollte, möchte, dürfte, wollte</i> <i>Würden Sie mir bitte noch ein Stück Kuchen reichen?</i> <i>Würden Sie mir bitte noch einen Tee einschenken?</i>
	conditional clauses	<i>Ich würde mitgehen, wenn ich dürfte.</i> <i>Wenn ich reich wäre, könnte ich viel reisen.</i>

† For recognition only

Appendix 4 – Language learning and communication strategies

Language learning and communication strategies support and enhance the development of literacy skills and enable further development of cognitive skills through thinking critically and analytically, solving problems and making connections.

The following list is not intended to be complete or comprehensive but is provided as support only. Students should be taught these strategies explicitly and be provided with opportunities to practise them.

Purpose of strategy	Strategies
To support language learning and acquisition	• read, listen to and view texts in German
	• connect with a proficient speaker of the language
	• learn vocabulary and set phrases in context
	• explain own understanding of a grammar rule or language pattern to someone else
	• use a monolingual or bilingual dictionary to locate and translate abbreviations, understand verb information and confirm meaning
	• make connections with prior learning
To make meaning from texts	• listen and determine essential information from key words
	• work out meaning of familiar and unfamiliar language by applying rules
	• make links between English and German texts
	• analyse and evaluate information and ideas
	• scan texts, highlight key words, and select appropriate information
	• recognise the attitude, purpose and intention of a text
	• use information in a text to draw conclusions
	• summarise text in own words or reorganise and re-present the information
	• reflect on cultural meanings, including register and tone
To produce texts	• read a question and determine the topic, audience, purpose, text type and style of writing
	• manipulate known elements in a new context to create meaning in written forms
	• structure an argument, and express ideas and opinions
	• use synonyms for variety in sentences, and conjunctions to link sentences
	• organise and maintain coherence of the written text
	• evaluate and redraft written texts to enhance meaning
	• proofread text once written

Purpose of strategy	Strategies
To engage in spoken interaction	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• practise speaking German
	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• use oral clues to predict and help with interpreting meaning
	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• ask for clarification and repetition to assist understanding
	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• manipulate known elements in a new context to create meaning in spoken forms
	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• structure an argument and express ideas and opinions
	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• use cohesive devices, apply register and grammar and use repair strategies to practise the language

