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About this pack: information for teachers

This pack contains the assessment materials for Unit 2: Reading and Writing

Within this pack, you will find:

- Information and instructions for teachers on how to manage arrangements for assessment
- a **candidate pack** which includes:
 - details of the assignment
 - a detailed breakdown of each task
 - information for candidates, which tells candidates about things that they must and must not do when they are completing the assessment
 - a Candidate Cover Sheet
 - a Candidate Declaration Form
 - a Candidate Time Record sheet.

You must provide each candidate with a copy of the complete candidate assessment pack.

Instructions for teachers

Selection of work

Centres must choose a work in German from one of the following genres: graphic novel, short story, film script, novel.

Centres must ensure that the work focuses on **one** of the broad themes:

- Language for leisure and wellbeing
- Language for travel
- Language for work and study.

Example works (centres may choose a different work):

Graphic Novel:

Title: *Mein ziemlich seltsamer Freund Walter* by Sibylle Berg and Julius Thesing

Broad Theme: Language for leisure and wellbeing

This graphic novel deals with the themes of friendship and bullying.

Title: *Ein Tag in Berlin*

https://www.goethe.de/prj/dlp/de/unterrichtsmaterial/reihe/graphic_novels/comic_ein_tag_in_berlin

Broad Theme: Language for travel / Language for leisure and wellbeing

This graphic novel is set in Berlin and is about a group of young people who get to know each other and use language around introducing themselves, ordering food and asking the way.

Short story:

Title: *Die verrückte Currywurst* – Olly Richards

<https://content.fimsschools.com/ebooks/German%20Book/Short%20Stories%20in%20German%20for%20Beginners%20Book.pdf>

Broad Theme: Language for travel / Language for leisure and wellbeing / Language for work and study

This is the story of a brother and sister who go on an exchange visit to Germany. This fits into broad theme 2. This is written specifically for beginners of German and therefore is more appropriate to the level of GCSE learners.

Title: *Zwei alte Damen*

<https://circonverlag.de/products/sprachwelten-nina-geht-daf-a2>

Broad Theme: Language for travel

Money is short for two old ladies who live on the island of Sylt. They plan to rob a supermarket but what could go wrong? This short story is specifically written for learners of German.

Film transcript:**Title:** *Als Hitler das rosa Kaninchen stahl*https://www.goethe.de/prj/dlp/de/unterrichtsmaterial/reihe/deutsche-filme/als_hitler_das_rosa_kaninchen_stahl_filmdidaktisierung**Broad Theme:** Language for travel

This film is based on the semi-autobiographic novel of Judith Kerr and explores the themes of escape, the rise of the National Socialist Party of Germany, persecution, antisemitism and discrimination.

Title: *Almanya – Willkommen in Deutschland*https://issuu.com/deutschefilmakademie.v/docs/df_2011_almanya_digital_200804https://www.goethe.de/prj/dlp/de/unterrichtsmaterial/reihe/deutsche-filme/almanya_willkommen_in_deutschland_filmdidaktisierung**Broad Theme:** Language for travel / Language for leisure and wellbeing

This film is about a Turkish family who come to Germany as guest workers in the 1960's. The film explores themes of family, migration, identity and German history.

Novel:**Title:** *Tschick* by Wolfgang Herrndorf**Broad Theme:** Language for leisure and wellbeing / Language for work and study

This novel explores the friendship between Mike and the new arrival, Tschick, in school and their summer adventures.

Title: *Durchstarten in Deutschland* by Nita Wolf**Broad Theme:** Language for travel / Language for leisure and wellbeing / Language for work and study

This novel explores the themes of friendship, language learning and seeking asylum. The book is written specifically for learners and is from a range of books offered by Klett.

Task overview

This task requires learners to respond to a task in the assessed language, based on the study of the chosen work.

Learners will use a range of approaches to demonstrate their knowledge and understanding of the work.

Marks available: 45

This task will assess AO2 and AO3.

AO2 (30 marks) will specifically assess learners' ability to:

- understand and respond to a written work
- identify the overall message, key points and opinions in written passages
- communicate clearly and effectively
- communicate information, describe, narrate, and express and justify opinions
- use their knowledge of grammar and vocabulary to support their understanding of the work.

AO3 (15 marks) will specifically assess learners' ability to:

- use knowledge of vocabulary and grammar to communicate meaningfully, using more complex structures which reference past, present and future events where appropriate.

Managing the assessment

This is a WJEC marked (external) non-examination assessment. The following arrangements must be followed when managing the assessment.

Assessment details

The assessment lasts for 1 hour
15% of qualification
45 marks

Centres must choose a work in the assessed language from one of the following genres: graphic novel, short story, film script or novel.

Centres must ensure that the work focuses on **one** of the broad themes:

- Language for leisure and wellbeing
- Language for travel
- Language for work and study.

Learners are not permitted to use a dictionary in any part of the assessment.

Assessments must be submitted digitally (they may be written and scanned, or completed digitally). Where tasks are produced digitally, online dictionaries, spelling and grammar checking programmes and access to internet **must be disabled**.

Learners must not discuss or share any details of the task until after 5 May 202X.

Task (45 marks)

Learners will complete one task. The task requires learners to complete a response with a maximum of 200 words (task (1a), 70 words and task (1b) 130 words) in the assessed language, based on the study of the chosen work.

The assessment is based on the candidate's ability to understand and respond to written language in writing.

The Rubrics will be in Cymraeg/English. The language of response will be in the assessed language.

AO2 – 30 marks

AO3 – 15 marks

Task setting

This assignment has been produced by WJEC and cannot be changed.

The assessment will be carried out at the centre during a one-hour period. The task will be available for download on the WJEC Portal. Centres may download the Unit 2 NEA three working days in advance of the first assessment date at the centre. Centres must keep a record of the date on which the assessment is conducted including the name of the work studied on the Candidate and Centre declaration form below. This form is for the centre and candidates to sign and declare that assessments have been conducted according to the requirements in the Assessment Pack and must be submitted to WJEC with the Unit 2 NEA digitally. All work and the Candidate and Centre Declaration Form must be uploaded to the WJEC Portal within 48 hours or two working days of the assessments taking place.

The assessment will take place during an eight-week period between March and May, specified annually by WJEC. Centres may download the task three working days in advance of the first assessment.

The task must be given to the learners **only** at the time of assessment.

Tasks will change each series.

Time

Candidates must be allowed **1 hour** to complete this assessment. Candidates should spend approximately:

- 20 minutes completing task 1a
- 40 minutes completing task 1b

The time suggested for each task takes account of the contribution of the task to the overall assessment requirements. There can be no changes to the total time available for this assessment. Centres can, however, amend the suggested time available for each task.

Resources

Not permitted.

Collaboration

Group work is **not** allowed. Candidates must complete all tasks individually.

Supervision

Candidates must be supervised by an assessor whilst completing the activities. Centres must have in place systems to ensure candidates cannot access evidence they have been developing outside of supervised activities.

Authentication

Supervision must be in place to ensure the authenticity of evidence produced for summative assessment.

You should not provide input or guidance to candidates during the assessment time. This includes providing formative feedback on the evidence being produced. You can provide guidance on the requirements of the task and remind candidates of the mark bands and how they can be interpreted.

Candidates can review and redraft evidence independently within the time controls for the assessment.

Candidates must sign the declaration to confirm that all evidence submitted for moderation is their own work and that any sources used have been acknowledged.

Assessors must sign the declaration to confirm that evidence submitted for moderation was completed under the controlled conditions set out in this assessment.

Candidate evidence

The acceptable formats for evidence of each of the tasks is summarised in the task tables. Any modified assessment must enable the candidate to generate the evidence required in this table

Task marking

WJEC will mark all evidence produced by candidates.

Centres **must** ensure that a candidate cover sheet (included in the candidate assessment pack) is completed for every candidate and attached to the front of the candidate's work.

Centres **must** also ensure that candidates complete a candidate declaration form; these are included in the candidate assessment pack.

Notes on the completion of the time Sheet and Candidate Declaration Form

- Please log the dates and times that work took place. No work must have taken place outside the hours listed on this form. The total time allowed must not exceed 1 hour.
- The form must be completed and securely attached to the Candidate's work and sent to the awarding body
- The form can be completed electronically or manually. Electronic signatures will be accepted

Further information

You should refer to the JCQ Instructions for conducting non-examination assessment for further information on managing assessment within our GCSE Qualifications.

This pack is a sample. It must not be used for live assessment.

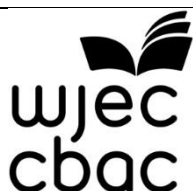


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Candidate Assessment Pack

Unit 2: Reading and Writing

Centre No:										Candidate No:								
Surname																		
First name(s)																		
Name of work studied																		



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Unit 2: Reading and Writing

External Candidate Assessment Pack

Candidate cover sheet

For examiner's use only	
Task	Mark Awarded
1a	/15
1b	/30
Total Mark awarded	/45

Candidates must write their name, centre number and candidate number in the spaces at the top of this page.

NB: This cover page must accompany the candidate's evidence

About this pack: information and instructions for candidates

This candidate assessment pack is for candidates completing Unit 2 – Reading and Writing

Within this pack, you will find:

- your assignment
- a detailed breakdown of each task, the evidence requirements, and the conditions (controls) under which the task is to be completed
- information for candidates, which tells you about things that you must and must not do when you are completing the assessment
- the mark scheme which will be used to assess your work
- a Candidate cover sheet
- a Declaration Form
- a Time Record sheet.

You will have 1 hour in total to complete this assessment. You should spend approximately:

- 20 minutes completing task 1a.
- 40 minutes completing task 1b.

You will be supervised throughout the assessment.

Your teacher is allowed to help you to understand the assessment requirements and the task, but there are rules about the kind of help and how much they can give you. You should speak to your teacher if you have any questions about what you are and are not allowed to do as you are completing the tasks, as they will know how much help they are allowed to give you.

It is important that you work independently from other candidates and the work produced should be your own unaided work. You and your teacher will be required to sign a declaration that all work presented is your own work.

You are advised to check your work carefully to make sure that it is accurate and correct.

You must not discuss or share any details of the brief until after 5 May 202X.

Tasks

	Task	Evidence	Controls
1	(a) Write about the work you have studied. You must: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> summarise the main events. 	Written response in German up to a maximum of 70 words.	Supervision: Direct Guidance: Not permitted
	(b) Write a review of the work you have studied. You must: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> provide examples of what you liked about the work justify your opinions. 	Written response in German up to a maximum of 130 words.	Resources: Not permitted Collaboration: Not permitted
		(a) AO2 [10 marks] AO3 [5 marks] (b) AO2 [20 marks] AO3 [10 marks]	

Where tasks are produced digitally, online dictionaries, spelling and grammar checking programmes and access to internet **must be disabled**.

End of task

Information for candidates

The following information has been taken from the [JCQ Information for candidates – non-examination assessments](#) and the [JCQ Artificial Intelligence \(AI\) Use in Assessments: Protecting the Integrity of Qualifications](#). This tells you about things that you **must** and **must not** do when you are completing your assessment. If there is anything that you do not understand, you **must** ask your teacher.

Preparing your work

- When you submit your work and sign your candidate declaration form, you need to ensure that your final product reflects your own independent work and isn't copied or paraphrased from another source such as an AI tool.
- If you receive help and guidance from someone other than your teacher, you **must** tell your teacher who will then record the nature of the assistance given to you.
- If you worked as part of a group on a task, you **must** each write up your own account of the assignment. Even if the data you have is the same, you **must** describe in your own words how that data was obtained, and you **must** independently draw your own conclusions from the data.
- Take care of your work and keep it safe. **Do not** leave it lying around where your classmates can find it or share it with anyone, including posting it on social media. You **must** always keep your work secure and confidential whilst you are preparing it; **do not** share it with your classmates. If it is stored on the computer network, keep your password secure. Collect all copies from the printer and destroy those you do not need.
- **Do not** be tempted to use pre-prepared online solutions (such as those produced by AI tools and chatbots) – this is cheating. Electronic tools used by WJEC can detect this sort of copying.
- You **must not** write inappropriate, offensive or obscene material.

Plagiarism

Plagiarism involves taking someone else's words, thoughts or ideas and trying to pass them off as your own. **It is a form of cheating which is taken very seriously.** Don't think you won't be caught; there are many ways to detect plagiarism:

- Markers can spot changes in the style of writing and use of language.
- Markers are highly experienced subject specialists – they may have read the source you are using, or even marked the work you have copied from!
- Internet search engines and specialised computer software can be used to match phrases or pieces of text with original sources and to detect changes in the grammar and style of writing or punctuation.

Penalties for breaking the regulations

If it is discovered that you have broken the regulations, one of the following penalties will be applied:

- the piece of work will be awarded zero marks
- you will be disqualified from that unit for the assessment series in question
- you will be disqualified from the whole subject for that assessment series
- you will be disqualified from all subjects and barred from entering again for a period of time.

WJEC will decide which penalty is appropriate.

Remember – it's your qualification so it needs to be your own work.

Candidate Declaration Form

You must complete **Part A** and **Part B** of this form

Centre No:										Centre Name:	
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Candidate No:										Candidate Name:	
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Part A: Candidate Declaration

References: Give details of the exact source of any non-original material used in the assignment.	List of software packages/AI tools/chatbots¹: Give brief details of how these have been used in the assignment.

Authentication Declaration

I declare that my work was completed independently and without any assistance beyond that which was permitted. All work is my own, except for any non-original material clearly credited above. This work has not been submitted for any other qualification. I have clearly referenced any sources and any Artificial Intelligence tools used in the work. I understand that false declaration is a form of malpractice.

Candidate Signature:	Date:
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¹ Where you have used AI tools as a source of information, you must show the name of the AI source used and the date the content was generated. For example: ChatGPT 3.5 (<https://openai.com/blog/chatgpt/>), 25/01/2023. You must, retain a copy of the question(s) and computer-generated content for reference and authentication purposes, in a noneditable format (such as a screenshot) and provide a brief explanation of how it has been used. This must be submitted with your work, so your teacher/assessor is able to review the work, the AI-generated content and how it has been used.

Candidate Time Record Sheet

Centre No:										Centre Name:	
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Candidate No:										Candidate Name:	
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The total time allowed must not exceed 1 hour.

Dates		
DD	MM	YY

Time Allowed (1 hour)	
Hours	Minutes

I certify that all candidates entered were informed of the above dates.

Supervisors
Signature:

Date:

I confirm that the evidence submitted for assessment has been produced by me without any assistance beyond that allowed

Candidate's
Signature:

Date:

End of Candidate Assessment Pack

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MARK SCHEME

Guidance for examiners

Generic marking principles

- Marks awarded are always whole marks (not half marks, or other fractions).
- Marks should be awarded using the full range of marks defined in the mark scheme for the question (however; the use of the full mark range may be limited according to the quality of the candidate responses seen).
- Marks awarded are based solely on the requirements as defined in the mark scheme. Marks should not be awarded with grade thresholds or grade descriptors in mind.

Positive marking

It should be remembered that candidates are writing under examination conditions and credit should be given for what the candidate writes, rather than adopting the approach of penalising candidates for any omissions. It should be possible for a very good response to achieve full marks and a very poor one to achieve zero marks. Marks should not be deducted for a less than perfect answer if it satisfies the criteria of the mark scheme.

For questions that are objective or points-based, the mark scheme should be applied precisely. Marks should be awarded as indicated and no further subdivision made.

Mark schemes often list points which may be included in candidates' answers. The list is not exhaustive. The inclusion of '*Credit any other valid response.*' (or similar instruction) within mark schemes allows for the possible variation in candidates' responses. Credit should be given according to the accuracy and relevance of candidates' answers.

Banded mark schemes

For band marked questions mark schemes are in two parts; the indicative content and the assessment grid.

The indicative content suggests the range of points and issues which may be included in candidates' answers. It can be used to assess the quality of the candidate's response. As noted above, indicative content is not intended to be exhaustive, and candidates do not have to include all the indicative content to reach the highest level of the mark scheme.

However, to reach the highest level of the mark scheme a candidate must meet the requirements of the highest mark band. Where a response is not creditworthy, that is, it contains nothing of any significance to the mark scheme, or where no response has been provided, no marks should be awarded.

The marking of banded mark questions should always be positive. This means that, for each candidate's response, marks are accumulated for the demonstration of relevant skills, knowledge and understanding; they are not deducted from a maximum on the basis of errors or omissions.

Examiners should first read and annotate the candidate's answer to pick out the evidence that is being assessed in that question. The mark scheme can then be applied. This is done as a two-stage process.

Stage 1 – Deciding on the band

Beginning at the lowest band, examiners should look at the candidate's answer and check whether it matches the descriptors for that band. If the descriptors at the lowest band are satisfied, examiners should move up to the next band and repeat this process for each band until the descriptors most closely matches the work.

Stage 2 – Deciding on the mark

Having determined the appropriate band, deciding on the mark within a band will be made on the basis of a 'best fit' procedure, weaknesses in some areas being compensated for by strengths in others.

Examiners should use the full range of marks available to them. Marking should be positive, rewarding achievement rather than penalising failure or omissions. The awarding of marks must be directly related to the marking criteria, and all responses must be marked according to the banded levels provided for each question.

Standardising material that has already been awarded a mark will be provided during standardising and this should be used as a reference material when assessing work. Examiners are reminded of the need to revisit the standardising material as they apply the mark scheme in order to confirm that the band and the mark allocated is appropriate to the work submitted.

This mark scheme instructs examiners to look for and reward valid alternatives where indicative content is suggested for an answer. This is not a checklist for expected content in an answer, or set out as a 'model answer', as responses must be marked in the banded levels of response provided for each question. Where a candidate provides a response that contains aspects or approaches not included in the indicative content, examiners should use their professional judgement to determine the validity of the response in light of the task and reward as directed by the bands. Candidates are free to choose any approach that is relevant to the set task. Candidates can (and will most likely) incorporate ideas other than those mentioned in the mark scheme.

Glossary of terms

The following glossary of terms provides guidance on terms used within the banded mark schemes.

Major error	<p>An error that impedes communication and prevents the meaning being accurately conveyed.</p> <p>For example:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Incorrect verb forms resulting in confusion about the subject and or the tense: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Ihr gehen in den Park. • Ich gehen auf Konzerte. • Significant spelling errors which make the word unrecognisable in German and / or changes the meaning: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Ich trinke gern kalte Gedrinke. • Ich fliege mit dem Fliezug. • Expressions of time in conflict with verb tenses making the detail about when the activity happened unclear: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Gestern werde ich ... gehen. • Nächste Woche ist er ... gegangen. • Mother-tongue word swaps: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Ich cooke gern. • Word order errors after conjunction <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Ich mag Mathe, weil es ist einfach. • Word order (inversion) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • In Swansea es gibt viele Restaurants.
Minor error	<p>An error that does not impede communication and allows the meaning to be conveyed.</p> <p>For example:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Minor spelling errors which don't affect the communication: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Er wohnt in einer Whonung. • Hier meine Adresse. • Missing Umlaut which don't affect the meaning or tense: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • funf • er fahrt • Incorrect Umlaut which doesn't affect the overall meaning: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Mein Hünd ist braun. • Ich gehe gern zum Stränd. • Incorrect gender and errors in agreement: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Ich trage ein rot T-Shirt. • Mein Mutter ist ziemlich groß.

Clear	The message is unambiguous.
Comprehensive	Including everything that is necessary – complete.
Detailed	Giving a lot of information with many details.
Understandable	Able to be understood.
Addresses	Evidence of response. For example, candidates should include all bullet points, but equal coverage is not expected.
Development / developed	Including additional detail which elaborates. It can be a clause or separate phrase.
Extended	A longer sequence which may include additional clause(s) giving further details, reasoning and / or opinion.
Complex language	More sophisticated linguistic constructions, which may include: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • longer sentence with connectives (e.g. because, such as, when...) • infinitive constructions • use of (multiple) pronouns • use of adverbs • word order that is different to English.
Communication	Exchanging of information.
Relevant	Connected or appropriate to the stimulus.
Straightforward	Easy to understand or simple.
Well-reasoned	Clear and carefully thought out.

Differentiation of descriptors in the mark scheme

The following words are used from top to lower bands in all banded mark schemes:

- consistent(ly) / always / almost always / all / almost all / highly
- main(ly) / most(ly) / often / frequent
- generally
- some / sometimes / occasionally
- basic / little
- limited / few
- minimal / rarely.

Please note that these should be viewed in conjunction with the descriptor as they may not always go from top to lower, for example: frequent errors would be in a lower mark band.

Assessment Grids

(45 marks)

This task tests the candidate's ability to understand and respond to written language (AO2 – 30 marks). It also tests the candidate's knowledge and accurate application of a range of grammatical structures and vocabulary (AO3 – 15 marks) as specified in the assessment grids below. The number of words is approximate and all work must be marked. The bullet points are compulsory but equal coverage is not required.

The following Assessment Objectives are tested in the task

- AO2 Understand and respond to written language in writing
- AO3 Demonstrate knowledge and accurate application of the grammar and vocabulary prescribed in the specification.

Assessment Grids for Task (a) (15 marks)**AO2: (10 marks for communication in writing)****Task (a)**

Write about the work you have studied.

You must:

- summarise the main events.

Write up to a maximum of 70 words in German.

Band	Marks [10]	AO2: Understand and respond to written language in writing.
5	9-10	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Consistently relevant information is conveyed. • Responses are always extended and consistently developed. • Communication is clear and consistently understandable.
4	7-8	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Conveys relevant information. • Responses are often extended and frequently developed. • Communication is understandable, an occasional message may be unclear.
3	5-6	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Conveys mainly relevant information. • Responses are generally extended and generally developed. • Communication is mainly understandable, some messages may be unclear.
2	3-4	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Some relevant information is conveyed. • Responses are sometimes developed. • Communication is sometimes understandable, the message sometimes breaks down.
1	1-2	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Limited information is conveyed. • Responses are rarely developed. • Communication is rarely understandable.
0	0	Response not worthy of credit.

AO3: (5 marks for demonstration of grammar and vocabulary)

Band	Marks [5]	AO3: Demonstrate knowledge and accurate application of the grammar and vocabulary prescribed in the specification.
5	5	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> A wide range of appropriate vocabulary and structures are used, with some complex language. Highly successful use of verb and tense formations. Language used is highly accurate – any errors are minor.
4	4	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> A range of appropriate vocabulary and structures are used, with some complex language. Mainly successful use of verb and tense formations. Language is accurate – there may be some minor errors and very few major errors.
3	3	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Some appropriate vocabulary and structures are used, little complex language. Generally successful use of verb and tense formations. Some accurate language – there may be some minor and major errors.
2	2	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Basic vocabulary and structures are used. Occasionally successful use of verb and tense formations. Little accurate language – there may be frequent minor errors and some major errors.
1	1	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Limited and possibly repetitive vocabulary and structures are used. Limited success in verb and tense formation. Limited accurate language – there may be frequent errors, both major and minor.
0	0	Response not worthy of credit.

Guidance on application of mark schemes

A mark of zero for AO2 will result in a mark of zero for AO3.

Assessment Grids for Task (b) (30 marks)**AO2:(20 marks for communication in writing)****Task (b)****Write a review of the work you have studied.****You must:**

- provide examples of what you liked about the work
- justify your opinions.

Write up to a maximum of 130 words in German

Band	Marks [20]	AO2: Understand and respond to written language in writing.
5	17-20	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Examples provided are always relevant. • Ideas and opinions (as appropriate to the task) are clearly expressed and fully justified. • Communication is clear and consistently understandable.
4	13-16	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Examples provided are mostly relevant. • Ideas and opinions (as appropriate to the task) are expressed and justified. • Communication is understandable, an occasional message may be unclear.
3	9-12	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Examples provided are sometimes relevant. • Ideas and opinions (as appropriate to the task) are expressed with occasional justification. • Communication is mainly understandable, some messages may be unclear.
2	5-8	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Few examples are provided. • Some ideas and opinions (as appropriate to the task) are expressed. • Communication is sometimes understandable, the message sometimes breaks down.
1	1-4	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Minimal examples are provided. • Limited ideas and opinions (as appropriate to the task) are expressed. • Communication is rarely understandable.
0	0	Response not worthy of credit.

AO3: (10 marks for demonstration of grammar and vocabulary)

Band	Marks [10]	AO3: Demonstrate knowledge and accurate application of the grammar and vocabulary prescribed in the specification.
5	9-10	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> A wide range of appropriate vocabulary and structures are used, with some complex language. Highly successful use of verb and tense formations. Language used is highly accurate – any errors are minor.
4	7-8	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> A range of appropriate vocabulary and structures are used, with some complex language. Mainly successful use of verb and tense formations. Language is accurate – there may be some minor errors and very few major errors.
3	5-6	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Some appropriate vocabulary and structures are used, little complex language. Generally successful use of verb and tense formations. Some accurate language – there may be some minor and major errors.
2	3-4	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Basic vocabulary and structures are used. Occasionally successful use of verb and tense formations. Little accurate language – there may be frequent minor errors and some major errors.
1	1-2	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Limited and possibly repetitive vocabulary and structures are used. Limited success in verb and tense formations. Limited accurate language – there may be frequent errors, both major and minor.
0	0	Response not worthy of credit.

Guidance on application of mark schemes

A mark of zero for AO2 will result in a mark of zero for AO3.

Mapping of questions to assessment objectives

Task	Mark allocation		
	Total Marks	AO2 Marks	AO3 Marks
	45	30	15

Appendix – Guide to Controls

Unit 2 is internally assessed through NEA. Controls are provided to:

- ensure that all candidates taking a specific qualification spend approximately the same amount of time on their assignments
- prevent third parties from providing inappropriate levels of guidance and input
- mitigate concerns about plagiarism and improve reliability and validity of results
- allow centres an appropriate degree of freedom and control
- allow candidates to produce an original piece of work.

There are a number of different aspects that are controlled within the internal assessment.

These are:

- **supervision** – how closely candidates should be monitored as they carry out the tasks
- **guidance** – how much help you are allowed to provide candidates as they are completing the tasks
- **resources** – whether candidates are allowed access to any resources as they're completing the tasks and if so, what resources
- **collaboration** – whether candidates are allowed to work with others as they're completing the tasks.

Supervision

Unit 2 control the level of supervision is **Direct**. Please note that this assessment must be taken in one single session and must not exceed the allotted one hour.

Please see the controls in the table below:

Type	Description
Direct	<p>The use of resources is tightly prescribed.</p> <p>The centre must ensure that:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • all candidates are within direct sight of the supervisor throughout the session(s) • display materials which might provide assistance are removed or covered • there is no access to e-mail, the internet or mobile phones • candidates complete their work independently • interaction with other candidates does not occur • no assistance of any description is provided. • candidates' work must remain within the centre at all times and must be stored securely between timetabled sessions. <p>Where direct supervision is specified, the centre must ensure that the JCQ No Mobile Phone poster and JCQ Warning to Candidates is displayed.</p>

Guidance

Unit 2 control the level of guidance is **Not Permitted**.

Please see the controls in the table below:

Category of Advice/Feedback:	Not Permitted
Review candidates' work and provide oral and written advice at a general level in order to secure a functional outcome.	x
Evaluate progress to date and propose broad approaches for improvement.	x
Provide detailed specific advice on how to improve drafts to meet assessment criteria.	x
Give detailed feedback on errors and omissions which leave candidates with no opportunity to show initiative themselves.	x
Intervene personally to improve the presentation or content of work.	x

N.B. In all levels of Guidance, teachers are permitted to intervene/advise on issues of safety.

Resources

One level of resources features throughout the assessment of Unit 2:

Not permitted	<p>The use of resources is not allowed.</p> <p>Access to the Internet is not permitted.</p> <p>Candidates' work must remain within the centre at all times and must be stored securely between timetabled sessions.</p> <p>If the specification allows candidates to bring their own computers or other electronic devices into formally supervised sessions, appropriate checks must be carried out to ensure that all materials stored on the devices is permissible and that access to the internet is disabled.</p>
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Collaboration

Collaboration is not permitted. Candidates must not collaborate in any way during the task.

All work produced must be the candidate's own.

Redrafting

Re-drafting is allowed only within the time of the NEA and without teacher feedback.

Time

The total time candidates are allowed to spend on the Unit 2 assessment is **1** hour.

Within the assignment brief for Unit 2, you will see that each task features recommended timings that are for guidance only. Candidates should try to not spend more or less than the recommended time on a task.