

Ideas for the independent research project

German A level

Paper 3 (Speaking)

Requirements

The DfE MFL A level subject content states that A level specifications in a modern language must require students to:

- develop research skills in the language of study, demonstrating the ability to initiate and conduct individual research on a subject of personal interest, relating to the country or countries where the language is spoken
- identify a key question or subject of interest and select relevant information in the language of study from a range of authentic sources, including the internet
- use information to illustrate knowledge and understanding of the research subject
- analyse and summarise research findings, elaborating on key points of interest, as appropriate, through oral presentation and discussion

Ideas

Here are some ideas provided by the ALCAB (A Level Content Advisory Board, www.alcab.org.uk) panel for the independent research project:

- A historical event or building such as: 'Berlin am 13. August 1961', 'Der Reichstag'
- A political figure (e.g. 'Angela Merkel'), writer or artist (e.g. 'Bertolt Brecht', 'Käthe Kollwitz'), group (e.g. 'Kraftwerk') or movement (e.g. 'Bauhaus')
- An issue such as 'Tierrecht in Deutschland' (Animal rights in Germany), 'Einwanderung in der Schweiz' (Immigration in Switzerland)
- A case study such as 'Das Phänomen Aldi und Lidl' (The Aldi and Lidl phenomenon), 'Azubis bei Volkswagen' (Trainees at Volkswagen)
- A topic related to a personal interest such as 'Der Nürburgring' (The Nürburgring), 'Deutsche Hunderassen' (German dog breeds), 'Deutsche Computerspiele' (German computer games), 'Die X. deutschsprachige Poetry Slam Meisterschaft' (The Xth German National Poetry Slam)
- A comparative topic such as 'Die Ausbildung zum Dolmetscher in Deutschland und Großbritannien' (Training for a career as interpreter in Germany and the UK), 'Premier League und Bundesliga' (Premier League and Bundesliga), 'Deutsche und englische Mode' (German and English fashion)

Further ideas will be provided in due course.