

Which tier should a student choose for French / German / Spanish?

Students can take their languages GCSE at either foundation or higher tier. Students who take foundation tier can achieve up to a grade 5. Those who take a languages GCSE at higher tier can achieve up to a grade 9. Students will have the option to choose which tier they would like to try in the mock exams in both November and February. The requirements for each tier are quite different so discussions will take place with students following both sets of mocks to decide upon the best tier for them.

Exam Board: AQA	Exam Length Foundation Tier	Exam Length Higher Tier
There are three themes in Languages: Theme 1: People and lifestyle Theme 2: Popular Culture Theme 3: Communication and the world around us	Listening: 35 minutes	Listening: 45 minutes
	Reading: 45 minutes	Reading: 1 hour
	Speaking: 7-9 minutes at Foundation (+15 minutes' supervised preparation time)	Speaking: 0-12 minutes at Higher (+15 minutes' supervised preparation time)
	Writing: 1 hour 10 minutes	Writing: 1 hour 15 minutes

Themes	Topics in all three themes
Theme 1: People and lifestyle	- Family and Relationships - Education and Work - Healthy Living and Lifestyle
Theme 2: Popular Culture	- Celebrity Culture - Customs and Festivals - Free-Time Activities
Theme 3: Communication and the World Around Us	- Media and Technology - The environment and where people live - Travel and Tourism



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TIPS

- Complete Independent Learning each week to help memorise the vocabulary
- Attend revision sessions every Wednesday from 3-4pm
- Practise your language skills using languagenut.com
- Make your own vocabulary tests and quizzes on quizlet.com
- Practise topics using the revision guides
- Practise using past papers
- Use <http://www.acapela-group.com> to practise your pronunciation
- Memorise the RAINBOW template
- Watch foreign language films or watch a favourite film with the foreign subtitles turned on.

REVISION GUIDES

Go to the CGP website to find various revision guides and workbooks in order to help you practise your four skills.

<https://www.cgpbooks.co.uk/secondary-books/languages>

