

## Language

## Core language

Mode	fashion
Essen und Getränke	food and drink
Rezepte	recipes
die Sportseiten	the sports pages
Wetter	weather

da	as/because
Ich finde	I think (expressing an opinion)
Er/sie findet	He/she thinks

## Additional language for this unit

Nachrichten (f)	news
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## Additional language for teachers

die Zeitung (plural Zeitungen)	the newspaper(s)
Liest du gern ...?	Do you like reading ...?
Wie findest du ...?	What do you think of ...?
Welche Seiten liest du gern?	Which pages do you like reading?
Warum?	Why?

## Unit 24 Was gibt's Neues? (What's in the news?)

## About the unit

In this unit children look at German newspapers and talk about their favourite columns or sections in a newspaper. They work together to produce texts for a class newspaper.

They consolidate and celebrate what they have learnt during key stage 2.

## Where the unit fits in

This unit gives children the opportunity to draw on all the vocabulary and structures previously learnt within the context of preparing newspaper reports.

## Prior learning

It is helpful if children already know:

- the contents and layout of a newspaper
- how to conduct a survey
- how to express and qualify opinions
- how to reply to questions using *weil*
- connectives.

## New language

- Making statements (about columns or sections in a newspaper)
- Expressing and justifying opinions (using *da*)
- Word order after *da*
- *finden* (for giving an opinion): first and third person singular
- Asking questions using *Warum?*
- Responding to questions using *weil*
- Use of *gern* after the verb *lesen*
- Phonic focus: consolidation of phoneme–grapheme correspondence

## Resources

- A selection of newspapers and online sources of news in German
- Word cards and picture or symbol cards for columns in the newspaper
- A short, photocopied newspaper article
- Pre-prepared Bingo cards, with symbols representing the columns in a newspaper
- Text cards of positive and negative opinions
- A pre-prepared front-page article for a school newspaper
- Text cards of interview questions
- Presentation software

## Links with other subjects

Primary framework for literacy: identify how different texts are organised (year 3); use and reflect on some ground rules for sustaining talk and interactions; offer reasons and evidence for their views, considering alternative opinions; use knowledge of different organisational features of texts to find information effectively (year 4); identify and report the main points emerging from discussion; appraise a text quickly, deciding on its value, quality and usefulness; work together logically and methodically to solve problems, make deductions, share, test and evaluate; draw on analogies to known words, roots, derivations, word families, morphology and familiar spelling patterns; use different styles of handwriting for different purposes with a range of media, developing consistent and personal legible style; integrate words, images and sounds imaginatively for different purposes; devise a performance considering how to adapt the performance for a specific audience

ICT: share and exchange information in a variety of forms

PSHCE: reflect on spiritual, moral, social and cultural issues, using imagination to understand other people's experiences; explore how the media present information

## Expectations

## At the end of this unit

<i>most children will:</i>	retrieve and understand information in a short text; express an opinion orally and in writing; justify their opinion; contribute to a news report
<i>some children will not have made so much progress and will:</i>	respond using short phrases or single words; remember some of the key vocabulary and phrases; copy short phrases with support
<i>some children will have progressed further and will:</i>	work independently some of the time to retrieve original material and use a dictionary unaided to assist with unknown vocabulary; show confident recall of known language and structures; speak and write German with some degree of grammatical accuracy



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Learning objectives	Possible teaching activities	Learning outcomes	Points to note
<p>Children should learn</p>		<p>Children</p>	
<p><b>Section 1. News hounds</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>to read and understand the main points and some detail from a short written passage (L6.1)</li> <li>to identify different text types and read short, authentic texts for enjoyment or information (L6.2)</li> <li>to use knowledge of word order and sentence construction to support the understanding of the written text (KAL)</li> <li>to use context and previous knowledge to help understanding and reading skills (LLS)</li> <li>to make predictions based on existing knowledge (LLS)</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>In English, discuss with children the idea of news around the world. Ask them to reflect on whether the same topics are covered everywhere and what columns we would expect to find in a newspaper, such as sport, weather and current affairs.</li> <li>Explain to children that they are going to be 'news hounds' and ask them to look through a selection of news sources in German. These might include newspapers and online sources. See how many newspaper columns they can spot easily, eg <i>Sport</i>, <i>Lottozahlen</i>. Ask them to identify other columns by using clues, such as text layout or pictures, eg <i>Wetter</i> (weather), <i>Mode</i> (fashion), <i>Essen und Getränke</i> (food and drink), <i>Nachrichten</i> (news), <i>Musik</i> (music), <i>Kino</i> (cinema). Some children may benefit from guidance on how to approach a challenging text.</li> <li>Distribute word cards for the newspaper columns discussed above. Talk through these and their meanings in English. Ask children how many words they already knew or could recognise, and what their strategies were for working out the meanings.</li> <li>Encourage children to use their knowledge of German phonics to decide how the names for newspaper columns should be pronounced. Ask them to share their pronunciation strategies as a class. Read out the names of newspaper columns clearly. Children repeat and check against their own suggestions.</li> <li>Ask them to select a news item and see if they can understand the gist of it. Invite a couple of children to share what they have found out. Some children may need considerable support to complete this task.</li> <li>Give pairs of children a short, accessible, photocopied article and ask them to highlight any parts that give them clues about the meaning. Then take feedback as a class.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>make comparisons between English and German sources of news</li> <li>recognise a variety of texts in a newspaper</li> <li>apply phonic knowledge to sound out the written word</li> <li>share strategies for coping with new language or challenging texts</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Follow-up: Play <i>Galgenmännchen</i> (Hangman) to practise words for the types of news. If available, use a template for the interactive whiteboard or presentation software.</li> <li>Follow-up: Children look up a German news source on the internet. They use the headlines to decide on main items of news, sporting events or news about celebrities.</li> <li>Follow-up: Children compile a display of articles from German-language newspapers. Some newsagents have a good selection of foreign-language newspapers, and many German-language newspapers are available online.</li> <li>Links with literacy work: The first and second activities link to literacy work on analysing and writing newspaper reports in year 4.</li> </ul>

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## Possible teaching activities

## Learning outcomes

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## Section 2. News games

- to match sound to sentences and paragraphs (L6.3)
- to discuss language learning and reflect and share ideas and practices (LLS)
- to use a dictionary (LLS)
- to compare and reflect on techniques for memorising language (LLS)

- Play a 'news flash' game. Show the word cards for the newspaper columns or sections again. Ask children to put up their hands if they think they can remember the correct pronunciation for each card. Choose a few children to have a go and then encourage the whole class to repeat after you. Set the class a challenge: invite individual volunteers to read out as many of the word cards in German as they can in 60 seconds. The rest of the class can count the words. Ask children to repeat the same activity with a partner.
- Play the 'news flash' game again as a class, but this time substitute the word cards with pictures or symbols representing the newspaper columns. Children then play in pairs. Ask them to share their strategies for remembering new language.
- Play Lotto (Bingo), using a pre-prepared Bingo card with symbols to represent the newspaper columns.
- Play a sorting game. Divide children into groups of four and give them a set of text cards showing opinion words, eg *interessant / langweilig / toll / schön / zu lang / leicht / schwer* (interesting / boring / fantastic / beautiful / too long / easy / difficult). Ask children to sort the cards into positive and negative opinions. Encourage them to use dictionaries. Encourage them to use their knowledge of phoneme-grapheme correspondence and the technique of segmenting words to help them work out the pronunciation of the new words. Ask each group to compare their answers with a second group and to share their strategies for using a bilingual dictionary. The class feed back their answers, offering any other words they know for expressing opinions.
- Play Thumbs Up and Thumbs Down. Read out a phrase from one of the text cards showing opinion phrases. Each group finds the corresponding card and waves it in the air. Ask children to listen a second time and think about whether it is said in a positive or negative manner. They decide whether the manner in which the opinion is stated matches its meaning. They show 'thumbs up' if the style matches the opinion and 'thumbs down' if it doesn't, eg if *Sport ist langweilig* is said in a lively and upbeat way, this is a 'thumbs down'.
- Repeat the game, with children playing in groups and taking it in turns to call out an opinion.

- read and understand opinion phrases
- recognise the importance of tone of voice when giving an opinion
- recognise a positive or negative opinion
- use a dictionary to aid comprehension

- When playing Bingo with the class, remember to make a note of the items as you call them out. When a child has completed their card, ask him or her to read the items back for checking. Continue the game so that other children have a chance of completing their card. The winner can take on the role of caller in the next round.
- Ensure that there are plenty of opportunities for repetition of new language, to develop children's confidence and understanding.
- Ensure that groups are organised so that all children can participate.
- Follow-up: Throughout the week, practise the new language by playing a Phoneme-Grapheme Running Game in the hall or a large space. Place large grapheme cards around the hall, call out a phoneme and children must run to the corresponding card. Progress to calling out whole words.

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## Section 3. In my opinion

- to understand longer and more complex phrases and sentences (O6.3)
  - to use spoken language confidently to initiate and sustain conversations and to tell stories (O6.4)
  - to write sentences on a range of topics using a model (L6.4)
  - to devise questions for authentic use (KAL)
- Revise the use of the word *gern* when attached to a verb, eg *Hörst du gern ...? Ich spiele ... gern.*
  - Ask individual children the question *Liest du gern die Sportseiten?* to elicit the answer *Ja, ich lese die Sportseiten gern.* Show a page from a real newspaper to give children a visual clue. Ask the same question about other parts of a newspaper, eg *Wetter, Mode.*
  - Give a set of text cards showing opinion phrases (see previous section) to each group. Ask an individual child to select a newspaper section and ask their group a question about it, eg *Liest du gern die Modeseiten?* (Do you like to read the fashion pages?) Each group has 30 seconds to discuss its response, reach a consensus and choose an opinion card. Go around the class and each group holds up their chosen card and choruses their opinion, eg *Ja, Mode ist interessant.*
  - Repeat the question and encourage children to give an extended answer, eg *Ja, ich lese die Sportseiten gern. Sport ist toll. Ja, ich lese die Modeseiten gern. Mode ist interessant.*
  - Agree with children's statements by introducing *Ja, ich finde Mode interessant.* Encourage children to use the expression *Ich finde ...* when giving opinions.
  - Write model sentences on the board, eg *Ich lese die Sportseiten gern. Ich finde Sport interessant.* (I like reading the sports pages. I find sport interesting.) Discuss the use of connectives and how to link the sentences together. Do children know any words to do this? Which word would be appropriate in English?
  - Introduce the word *da* and ask children what they think its function in the sentence could be. Ask children to translate the word into English. Invite children to insert the word to link the two sentences *Ich lese die Sportseiten gern* and *Ich finde Sport toll.* Explain that *da*, like *weil*, sends the verb to the end of the clause: *Ich lese die Sportseiten gern, da ich Sport toll finde.* Compose other extended sentences with *da*, using other columns of the newspaper.
  - Extension: You may want to revise *weil* in addition to introducing *da*. *Weil* follows the same grammatical rules as *da*, sending the verb to the end of the clause.
  - Extension: Ask children to think up ways of remembering that after *weil/da* the verb moves to the end of the clause. They may suggest a phrase, picture or rhyme that could be added to a display.
  - Play Finish That Quote. Invite three confident children to come to the front to demonstrate. Give each child a text card to read out, eg:  
Card 1: *Ich mag die Sportseiten* (I like the sports pages)  
Card 2: *weil/da* (because/as)  
Card 3: *ich Sport ... finde* (I think sport is ...).  
Child 1 reads out their part of the sentence, Child 2 continues and Child 3 supplies an opinion. Play this game several times with different combinations of text and children. Each time, give the first card to a less confident child and the third one to a confident child.
  - Invite children to carry out a class survey of their opinions on columns in a newspaper. Ask each child to select three columns. They have to ask six different children their opinions about these and record their answers, eg *Liest du gern 'Rezepte'?* *Nein, ich lese Rezepte nicht, da ich Rezepte langweilig finde.* (Do you like reading the recipes column? No, I don't like the recipes column because I think it's boring.)
  - Ask individual children to present some of their findings from the survey. Model how they might do this by using the third person singular (*er/sie*), eg *Patrick mag die Sportseiten, da er Sport interessant findet* (Patrick likes the sports pages, as he thinks sport is interesting); *Rebecca mag die Nachrichten nicht, weil/da sie die Nachrichten langweilig findet* (Rebecca doesn't like the news section, because/as she finds news boring).
  - Invite children to create a display of quotes from the survey in speech bubbles. Each child selects one quote and writes that child's opinion on a newspaper column, eg *Ich mag die Sportseiten nicht, da ich Sport langweilig finde!* (I don't like the sports pages, because I think sport is boring!) Children can use ICT for this activity and add their own sound recordings. Some children will prefer to be given a semi-completed speech bubble to either fill in the gaps or complete by selecting from a word bank.
  - Extension: Children write a series of opinions on different newspaper columns.
- express a spoken opinion about news
  - work as a team to agree on and offer an opinion
  - ask a question to obtain an opinion
  - understand an opinion offered by someone else
  - create a written sentence to describe an opinion
- You may decide to use *finden* as an easier way of expressing an opinion, eg *Ich finde ... gut.* An alternative to *Magst du ...?* (Do you like ...?) or *Liest du gern ...?* (Do you like reading?) could be the more open-ended question *Wie findest du ...?* (What do you think of ...?)
  - Grammar point: Children can repeat the noun from the first part of the sentence, eg *Ich mag die Sportseiten, da ich Sport interessant finde.* If they want to substitute the word 'it', they will need to put in the correct form of *er/sie/es*, eg *Ich mag Mode, weil sie interessant ist.*
  - Follow-up: Make a class display board of likes and dislikes, with each child contributing an opinion in a speech bubble. Encourage them to use known vocabulary, such as food, drink or games.
  - Follow-up: Children continue to look up a German news source on the internet. They use the headlines to work out what are the main items of news, sporting events and bits of gossip about famous people.
  - Links with literacy work: These activities and extension activities link to work on offering reasons and evidence for their views and considering alternative opinions in year 4.

## Learning objectives

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## Section 4. In the paper

- to use spoken language confidently to initiate and sustain conversations and to tell stories (O6.4)
  - to read and understand the main points and some details from a short written passage (L6.1)
  - to identify different text types and read short, authentic texts for enjoyment or information (L6.2)
  - to use knowledge of words, text and structure to build simple spoken and written passages (KAL)
  - to use language known in one context or topic in another context or topic (LLS)
  - to use context and previous knowledge to help understanding and reading skills (LLS)
- Revise the German vocabulary for the different columns of the newspaper. Give children a timed challenge: to recall, in groups, the German names for five newspaper columns. Some children may need support, eg first letters or visual clues.
  - Revise the expression *gern* by asking children which pages they like reading: *Welche Seiten / Was liest du gern?* (Which pages / What do you like reading?) Children answer *Ich lese gern die Sportseiten/Modeseiten/Kulturseiten/Spieleseiten/Nachrichten.*
  - Ask children *Warum?* (Why?) in order to elicit answers from the previous section, eg *Weil ich Sport liebe / Da ich Mode interessant finde.* Encourage children to use other phrases to support their opinions, eg *Ich liebe ..., weil/da ...* or *Ich mag nicht ..., weil/da ...*
  - Tell the class that they are going to produce a version of a paper in German in which they are the celebrities. The paper will contain information about them and their interests, and will draw on all of the German that they have been learning. Ask them to think of the pages in which they would be most likely to find themselves if they were in a newspaper, eg sport, fashion, cinema, books, music, news, travel, television. This should reflect what children are good at and/or interested in, and can be discussed in English.
  - Introduce children to the front page with a short introductory article (see 'Points to note'). Suggest a title such as *Melcombe Schülerzeitung Klasse 6* or *Gladstone Primary Schülerzeitung.* The text can be used as a 'language investigators' text, if appropriate, in which children use their previous knowledge and reading skills to decipher as much information as they can from the text.

- answer the question 'why?' and give reasons
- talk about their favourite newspaper columns
- read and respond to a text

- Follow-up: Children look up a German news source on the internet. They use the headlines to try to make sense of the main items of news, sporting events or gossip about famous people.
- An example of a short introductory article for the front page of a newspaper:

*Die Schule ist aus!*

*Für die Klasse 6 ist die Schule zu Ende! Die Kinder gehen im September in die Sekundarstufe.*

*Aber hier kannst du sie alle in unserer Schülerzeitung kennenlernen!*

(School's out! Year 6 are leaving the school! In September the children are going to secondary school. But you can find out all about them in our school newspaper!)

<i>Nachrichten</i>	– Seite 1	(News
<i>Reise</i>	– Seite 2	Travel
<i>Kultur</i>	– Seite 3	Culture
<i>Musik</i>	– Seite 4	Music
<i>Mode</i>	– Seite 5	Fashion
<i>Sport</i>	– Seite 6	Sport)

## Section 5. Ask me again

- to perform to an audience (O6.2)
  - to identify different text types and read short, authentic texts for enjoyment or information (L6.2)
  - to write sentences on a range of topics using a model (L6.4)
  - to use knowledge of word order and sentence construction to support the understanding of the written text (KAL)
  - to ask for repetition and clarification (LLS)
  - to discuss language learning and reflect and share ideas and experiences (LLS)
- Elicit from children what information they would like and would be able to include in an article about themselves for the *Schülerzeitung.* Remind them of their previous learning, revising as necessary (see 'Points to note').
  - Revise how to ask questions to elicit personal information, eg *Wie heißt du?* (What are you called?); *Wie alt bist du?* (How old are you?); *Was machst du gern?* (What do you like to do?); *Wo wohnst du?* (Where do you live?); *Was kannst du gut (machen)?* (What are you good at?) Give children cards containing these questions. In pairs, they sort them into an appropriate order for conducting an interview. They compare their order with another pair and, as a group of four, discuss what the answers to each of the questions could be.
  - Provide the appropriate scaffolding to allow children to begin to write the answers to the questions. These are then written on separate cards.
  - The class feed back their questions and answers. The questions are placed on the interactive whiteboard with the answers covered, or cards with questions are stuck on the board with the answers face down. These are then revealed one by one and children work in pairs (or as a class) to match the answers to the questions.
  - Children work in pairs to complete a dialogue, using the questions as prompts and giving appropriate answers.
  - Some children may perform these dialogues to the rest of the class.

- listen attentively
- ask and answer questions about personal information

- Encourage children to use language learnt in other units, eg *Ich heiße David ... Ich bin 10 Jahre alt. Ich mag gern Fußball spielen. Ich wohne in London. Ich kann gut schwimmen.*
- It would be beneficial if some secondary teachers were involved in part (or all) of this unit, as a way of getting to know children and their achievements.

## Learning objectives

## Possible teaching activities

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## Section 6. Here I am!

- to write sentences on a range of topics using a model (L6.4)
- to devise questions for authentic use (KAL)
- to use knowledge of words, text and structure to build simple spoken and written passages (KAL)

- Children prepare a short text about themselves to go in an appropriate newspaper column, eg a child who is good at / enjoys sport would place their article in the sports pages.
- The articles should be collected into both paper and electronic versions of a class newspaper, with pictures if appropriate. The articles may include information drawn from the previous section.
- Phonic focus: Collect any displays of phonics work from previous units. Invite the class to make an interactive display, using presentation software, on phoneme-grapheme correspondence. Split them into small groups. Give each group a phoneme to work on. Each group should decide on a mime for their phoneme, a list of words and pictures containing their phoneme and a soundbite to illustrate correct pronunciation.
- Children then present their work to the rest of the class. Once each group has finished, the slides can be merged to make one large presentation. As well as being watched on the interactive whiteboard, the presentation can be printed off and displayed or bound as a book.

- construct a written presentation or article to give personal information
- apply most words correctly

- During preparation for the end-of-unit activities, see if any older children from destination secondary schools are able to act as peer tutors.
- Make writing frames, word banks and dictionaries available to children.
- Follow-up: Show excerpts from German TV news reports from [www.tagesschau.de](http://www.tagesschau.de). Discuss the similarities with – and differences from – UK TV reports.
- Links to literacy work: The first activity links to work on writing newspaper reports in year 4. Children will have had experience of using ICT programs to present text in year 5.

## End-of-unit activity

- to apply the knowledge, skills and understanding in this unit

- Children present their work to the wider school community, during a celebration assembly or in a performance to another class.

- present information in a variety of ways

- If the school has a German-speaking partner school, the class could email photos of their displays.