

# Modern Languages GCSEs

Examination  
Board: AQA  
Course Codes:  
French 8658  
German 8668  
Spanish 8698



4 Skills (equally weighted)	Examinations
<b>Listening</b> - questions in English	Foundation: 35 minutes Higher: 45 minutes
<b>Listening</b> - questions in target language	
<b>Speaking</b> - role play	Foundation: 10 minutes Higher: 12 minutes
<b>Speaking</b> - photo card	
<b>Speaking</b> - general discussion	
<b>Reading</b> - questions in English	Foundation: 45 minutes Higher: 60 minutes
<b>Reading</b> - questions in target language	
<b>Reading</b> - translation into English	
<b>Writing</b> – short structured task	Foundation: 60 minutes Higher: 75 minutes
<b>Writing</b> - longer open-ended task	
<b>Writing</b> - translation into target language	

## WHAT SORTS OF THINGS DO SUCCESSFUL STUDENTS DO TO REVISE?

- Revise vocab for every lesson from vocab lists (on SMHW if you have lost your copy) and do the self-testing every time.
- Go onto [www.kerboodle.com](http://www.kerboodle.com) and work through the “vocab builder” tasks to practise vocab.
- Go onto [www.Kerboodle.com](http://www.Kerboodle.com) and practise listening and reading tasks from the digital text book or from the Resources section.
- Prepare answers to all of the conversation questions; practise them aloud with friends and family. Make revision cards now. Include complex sentences which can be adapted to different topics.
- Do a lunchtime speaking practice with a MFL teacher every fortnight (Mondays and Wednesdays are best).
- Bring books to every lesson; keep them tidy and organised; highlight the most useful sections and refer back to them.
- Find past papers on the AQA website or <https://revisionworld.com> or look at sample questions on the BBC Bitesize site.
- Have fun with the language on [www.linguascope.com](http://www.linguascope.com) (intermediate) or [www.lyricstraining.com](http://www.lyricstraining.com) or by setting up your phone in the target language.
- Make use of friends or neighbours who speak a foreign language– ask them to test you on your speaking test questions. Ask them questions, too!
- Use free websites such as [www.quizlet.com](http://www.quizlet.com) and [www.memrise.com](http://www.memrise.com) to consolidate your vocab learning.
- Download revision apps to your phone.
- Buy a general exam revision guide; ideally, make sure it’s for AQA GCSE 9-1 although Pearson, CGP, Collins & Letts all produce good ones too.
- Invest in a revision guide which targets Grade 9 or Grade 5 (£3.99) ISBN 9781292246024
- For each topic, do a timed practice written paragraph of 40 words (10 mins) 90 words (20 mins) 150 words (30 mins) and hand it in to be marked. Examples are in the text book.

## WHERE CAN WE FIND USEFUL ONLINE RESOURCES?

[www.kerboodle.com](http://www.kerboodle.com)

[www.quizlet.com](http://www.quizlet.com)

[www.memrise.com](http://www.memrise.com)

<https://revisionworld.com>

AQA revision guides – choose the one which targets the grade you are working towards

## PLUS...

- See your languages teacher to arrange an individual speaking practice session one lunchtime or after school.
- There will be revision sessions for the listening, reading and writing during term 5.