

# 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?

### For the listening and reading exams (mock in December, real exam May/June)

- Revise vocab regularly for every lesson from vocab lists and self-test.
- 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.
- Find past papers on the AQA website or <https://revisionworld.com>
- 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.
- Buy an **AQA exam practice workbook** (a book of past papers) and work through it checking answers at the back

### For the writing exam (mock in December, real exam May/June)

- For each topic, do a timed practice written paragraph of 40 words (10 mins) 90 words (20 mins) 150 words (30 mins). Examples are in the text book.
- Ensure you can formulate all the tenses confidently and have a few ‘show off’ phrases to put into essays

### For the speaking exam (mock in February, real exam April)

- Prepare answers to all of the conversation questions with plenty of tenses and complex sentences. Memorise the answers by Practising saying them aloud with friends and family (they don’t need to speak the language)
- Download a teacher’s booklet from the AQA website and work through the role plays and photo cards

## 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>

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

[www.language-gym.com](http://www.language-gym.com)

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

## PLUS...

- Download a full listening, reading and writing past paper and do in test conditions at home. Mark it using the mark scheme.
- There will be revision sessions for the listening, reading and writing during term 5.