



GERMAN AT PRIMARY SCHOOLS IN THE UK

ADVANTAGES OF LANGUAGE LEARNING FROM AN EARLY AGE



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SIX REASONS WHY GERMAN IS AN EXCELLENT CHOICE FOR PRIMARY PUPILS:

1. Learning a foreign language at an early age develops linguistic competence and learning strategies.
2. German pronunciation rules, in comparison to many other languages, are simple, follow a clear logic and are easily accessible for learners of all abilities.
3. English and German are both Germanic languages and have many common words and structures.
4. Learning a foreign language helps to raise cultural awareness and fosters intercultural understanding from an early age.
5. Over recent years many innovative and interactive teaching materials have been developed for German learners at primary level.
6. German opens up amazing career prospects for British pupils with many German companies operating in the UK. In 2014, Germany remained the UK's largest trading partner.





Learning a language changes things in the brain and actually helps people to develop their mental acuity. The earlier a child can begin to learn a language, the better, because then you have a greater chance of growing into an inclusive and multicultural society.

Dr Ana Kerr, Independent Consultant for Language Learning, NI



We found that the young children in particular found the speech sounds of German very similar to English. They can build up their vocabulary very quickly and get speaking. Perhaps even more quickly than some of the romantic languages.

Sarah Skillern, Headmistress, King's Pre-Preparatory School, Rochester

I like German because it is a challenge. Some words are different and some words are similar to our words. But mostly I like it because some words are funny.

Pupil, King's Pre-Preparatory School, Rochester



German is such an integral part to the EU and the language that is required for working with international companies. For children at the age of 7 or 8 being able to speak even basic language gives them a fantastic start to being able to move on to the workplace and life beyond the classroom.

Paula Matthews, Fairview Primary School, Ballyclare

In 2012 Germany was the biggest trading partner of the UK and equally the UK became the biggest trading partner of Germany, surpassing France in a very historic relationship. It is a vital relationship for innovation and growth, for productivity and job security.

Ute Bockstegers, Chief Operating Officer, Bayer UK



OUR SERVICES

The Goethe-Institut is the official cultural institute of Germany in the UK. Early language learning and the teaching of German in primary schools are a central focus of our educational work.

We support teachers and learners of German and reach out to all schools in the UK that offer German.

Our services include:

- ◇ hands-on training for teachers of primary German or PGCE students of German in the UK through:
 - ◇ workshops
 - ◇ teacher training days
 - ◇ training weeks
- ◇ provision of innovative teaching resources
- ◇ library service (extensive choice of current and inspiring books and resources for primary schools)
- ◇ support in organising school projects and offering cultural events



OUR TEACHING MATERIAL: GERMAN WITH FELIX AND FRANZI

New and exciting material for primary school teachers has been created by the Goethe-Institut London in cooperation with German native speakers and British primary school teachers.

The material enables all German teachers in the UK (regardless of their own level of qualification) to make a flying start with teaching German. The consecutive lesson plans are regularly revised and extended with brand new Year 2 material to be published in January 2015.

Two engaging hand puppets, a frog called Felix Frosch and a duck called Franzi Ente, take centre stage. They live in a special German letterbox. Having recently moved to the UK from Germany, the two characters experience many adventures which form the theme for each chapter.



Each chapter introduces new vocabulary and grammar lessons and is accompanied by a wide range of activities and extra material such as songs, videos and whiteboard applications. The lesson plans as well as all other features can be downloaded from our website.

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LESSON PLANS



VIDEOS & SONGS



EXTRAS: APPENDIX, HAND PUPPETS, STICKERS, WIKI



WHITEBOARD APPS

FURTHER TRAINING AND SCHOLARSHIPS FOR GERMAN TEACHERS

The Goethe-Institut London offers a wide range of opportunities for German teachers who are interested in diversifying their skills and commitments. Not only are teachers able to profit from our 25% discount for German courses, but there are also a number of grants for further training in Germany available throughout the year.

Whether you are interested in expanding your own language skills, whether you want to engage in cultural and regional studies or your focus is set on methodology and didactics, please feel free to apply for a scholarship to attend one of our 1 to 3 week courses taking place in Germany or come to our professional development events in the UK.

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I really enjoyed my visit to Munich and thought that the conference was really worth going to, not only due to the excellent content of the presentations and discussions but also due to the very interesting conversations I had with the other delegates.

Many thanks again for the opportunity to go!

Emma Whittle, Dr Challoner's Grammar School



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