Higher German

Directed Writing

Practice Essays

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**2002**

**Last year you went to Germany on holiday with some friends. During your holiday, you celebrated your birthday. This was the first time you had spent your birthday away from your family.**

**On your return you write a report for the German page of your school’s/college’s website.**

**You must include the following information and you should try to add other relevant details:**

* **where you went on holiday and with whom**
* **where you stayed**
* **how you spent the day**
* **what you did that evening to celebrate your birthday**
* **what you thought of the birthday presents you received**
* **what you liked or disliked about your birthday**

**2003**

**Last summer you worked in a hotel in Germany for six weeks. On your return you write a report for the German page of your school’s/college’s website.**

**You must include the following information and you should try to add other relevant details:**

* **where the hotel was situated and what it was like**
* **what your living accommodation was like**
* **what hours you worked and what kind of work you did in the hotel**
* **what you did in your time off**
* **what the other staff were like and how you got on with them**
* **some of the things you liked and disliked about working in Germany**

**2004**

**Your school/college has established links and an exchange programme with a school/college in Germany. You took part in the first exchange in April of this year, when you stayed with the family of one of the German students and attended school/college.**

**On your return you are asked to write a report in German for inclusion in the foreign language section of your school/college magazine.**

**You must include the following information and you should try to add other relevant details:**

* **where the family lived and what their home was like**
* **where the school/college was situated and what it was like**
* **what was different about school/college in Germany**
* **what you did in the intervals**
* **what activities were organised for your group when you were not in school/college**
* **how you coped with living away from your home with a German family**

**2005**

**Recently you did work experience in a German-speaking country. You have to write a report for the languages department in your school/college.**

**You must include the following information and you should try to add other relevant details:**

* **how you travelled and what you did during the journey**
* **what the job was and what hours you worked**
* **how you got on with your co-workers and what you liked/disliked about them**
* **what you did in the evenings**
* **what the local area was like**
* **what you got out of the experience**

**2006**

**You recently took part in an exchange visit to Germany. One day your host family took you on a trip to a town some distance away.**

**On your return to Scotland, you send in an article in German for the newspaper of your exchange partner’s school.**

**You must include the following information and you should try to add other relevant details:**

* **who all were in your host family and what their home was like**
* **what the family’s local area was like and what there was to do there**
* **how the family spent a typical day**
* **what you did on the day you went on this special trip**
* **what you all did for food that day**
* **whether you would recommend the experience of an exchange trip to someone else**

**2007**

**You have travelled to Germany to spend a holiday with German friends of your parents. While you are there, you are asked to baby-sit one day from 3.00pm until 8.00pm.**

**When you return to Scotland, you have to write a report in German for the Languages department in your school/college.**

**You must include the following information and you should try to add other relevant details:**

* **what the journey to Germany was like and how you felt travelling on your own**
* **who all was in the family and what they were like**
* **where the family house was situated and what it was like**
* **how you spent the five hours with the children while their parents were out**
* **what you did usually on your other evenings while in Germany**
* **why you would/would not baby-sit for this German family again**

**2008**

**Last summer your parents arranged a house exchange with a German family. On your return to Scotland you are asked to write a report in German for the website through which the exchange was arranged.**

**You must include the following information and you should try to add other relevant details:**

* **how you travelled to the house in Germany and how you found the journey**
* **where exactly the house was situated and what it was like, compared with your own home**
* **what your daily routine was, while you were there**
* **what you did for food throughout your visit**
* **a family day-trip you went on, while you were in Germany**
* **whether your family would like to have another house- exchange and why/why not**

**2009**

**You have travelled to Germany to spend three months working in a town there. When you return to Scotland, you have to write a report in German for the languages department in your school/college.**

**You must include the following information and you should try to add other relevant details:**

* **how you travelled to Germany and what the town was like**
* **where your accommodation was situated and what it was like**
* **what your job involved and how you got on with the people you worked with**
* **what you did in your spare time to experience the country/culture**
* **what you did on your last night before coming home**
* **why you would/would not recommend working in Germany to others**

**2010**

**A German pupil is spending a year at your school/college in Scotland. He/she invited you to go back with him/her to Germany at Easter to spend two weeks with his/her family. When you return to Scotland, you write in German for the languages page of your school/college website.**

**You must include the following information and you should try to add other relevant details:**

* **how the two of you travelled to Germany and what the journey was like**
* **what the town was like and what you thought of the family home**
* **what you did to help around the home, while you were in Germany**
* **what you and your German friend did in the afternoons and evenings**
* **what you liked most/least about the family and the other people you met**
* **why you would/would not recommend being in Germany just before your Higher exams**

**2011**

**Last October you were invited to travel with a group from your local area to Bavaria to take part in a youth debate together with other young people from Germany and Austria. The debate was about smoking in cafés and restaurants. When you return to Scotland, you write in German for the languages page of your**

**school/college website.**

**You must include the following information and you should try to add other relevant details:**

**• how your group travelled to Germany and what you did during**

**the journey**

**• what your host family were like and what their home was like**

**• how you got on with the other young people from Germany and**

**Austria**

**• what you all did in the free time you had**

**• what you said in the debate and how the debate went**

**• why you would/would not recommend taking part in an**

**international event like this.**

**2012**

**Two years ago you hosted a German student for nine months and last year you were invited by the student’s family to spend the entire summer with them; this included going on holiday with them.When you return to Scotland, you write a report in German for the Languages page of your school/college website.**

**You must include the following information and you should try to add other relevant details:**

**• where in Germany the family live and whether you had ever**

**been to Germany before**

**• what your host family were like and how you got on with them**

**• what you did to help out in the family home**

**• what you liked about a special outing you went on**

**• what you found to be different about going away on holiday**

**with a family other than your own one**

**• whether or not you felt it was a good experience for you to be**

**away from Scotland for such a long time.**

**2013**

**Last Christmas you had the chance to go to one of the many Christmas markets which are held in Germany during the four weeks before Christmas. You stayed with the family of a German student you know.When you return to Scotland, you write a report in German for the Languages department blog.**

**You must include the following information and you should try to add other relevant details:**

**• how you travelled to Germany and what you did during the**

**journey**

**• where you stayed and how you got on with the whole family**

**• how you spent your time at the Christmas market**

**• what you thought of the different meals you ate**

**• what you did during the time you had to yourself during this**

**visit**

**• what you would recommend about being in Germany just before**

**Christmas**

**2014**

**Recently you went to Germany with your local twin-town association and stayed with a German family. You were one of the few members of the group who could speak German. The entire group travelled by coach and ferry.When you return to Scotland, you write a report in German for the Languages**

**department blog.**

**You must include the following information and you should try to add other relevant details:**

**• how long the journey to Germany took and what you did during**

**the long journey**

**• who all was in the German family and how you got on with**

**them all**

**• what activities you did as a group**

**• what you thought of the different meals you ate both with the**

**family and when you were out**

**• what you did during the time you had to yourself during this**

**visit**

**• what was good about being one of the few people who could**

**speak German**