**Directed Writing – New Higher – German**

The Directed Writing in the new higher (from 2014) is worth 10 marks. You will be asked to write approximately **120-150 words**, choosing **one** of two possible scenarios. The scenarios will be linked to one of the four contexts of Society, Learning, Employability and Culture.

**Society**

**Some common scenarios from the context of Society are as follows.**

* A trip abroad with your family
* A trip with your friends/family
* Going to visit friends abroad for a celebration
* Going to stay with a family/ relatives abroad

Within those scenarios, you will often be asked the following:

* Destination + description of town
* Journey
* Accommodation
* Relationships
* Free time activities
* Use of FL
* Likes/dislikes
* If you intend to keep in touch with new friends you made

**Learning**

**Some common scenarios from the context of Learning are as follows.**

* School trip
* school exchange + staying with a host family
* Attending school with exchange partner

Within those scenarios, you will often be asked about the following:

* When you went + for how long
* Journey
* Relationships with host family
* Description of school/school life and what you did
* Free time activities
* Would you recommend it
* Would you repeat the experience

**Employability**

**Some common scenarios from the context of Employability are as follows.**

* Work experience abroad
* Work experience abroad to improve your language skills
* Summer job abroad

Within those scenarios, you will often be asked about the following:

* How you got the job/applied for the job
* How you travelled abroad + accommodation
* What the job was
* What the job entailed
* Reasons for going abroad
* Likes / dislikes concerning the job
* What you did in free time after work
* How you got on with colleagues
* Would you recommend it

**Culture**

**Some common scenarios from the context of Culture are as follows.**

* Review a film
* School trip to a Christmas market
* Gap year abroad – what you learned about the country
* Went to a party – what you thought of the people / what you did
* Went to a concert abroad – what you thought of it

Within those scenarios, you will often be asked about the following:

* Where you went
* Likes dislikes
* People you met

Taking those common themes, here are some phrases to help you.

***General***

**Where you went and when**

Letzten Sommer – last summer letzten Juni – last June

Letztes Jahr – last year vor zwei Jahren – two years ago

In den Sommerferien – in the summer holidays

In den Weihnachtsferien – in the Christman holidays

Ich bin nach Deutschland gefahren – I went to Germany

Wir sind nach Österreich gefahren – we went to Austria

Ich bin mit meiner Familie weggefahren – I went away with my family

Ich habe eine Klassenfahrt gemacht – I went on a school trip

Ich habe ein Jahr in einer Schule in Hamburg verbracht – I spent a year in a school in Hamburg

**How you travelled and a description of the journey**

Wir sind mit dem Flugzeug nach ... geflogen – we flew by plane to ...

Wir sind mit der Fähre von Hull nach Zeebrugge gefahren – we travelled by ferry from Hull to Zeebrugge

Der Flug hat zweieinhalb Stunden gedauert – the flight lasted two and a half hours

Wir sind während der Nacht gefahren – we travelled during the night

Ich habe mich mit anderen Reisenden unterhalten – I talked to other travellers

Ich habe die ganze Zeit gelesen – I read the whole time

Während der Reise bin ich eingeschlafen – I fell asleep during the journey

**Who with + for how long**

Ich bin allein gereist – I travelled on my own

Zwanzig Leute waren in der Gruppe – there were 20 people in the group

Wir haben zwei Wochen in Köln verbracht – we spent two weeks in Cologne

Ich war für sechs Monate in München – I was in Munich for 6 months

**Accommodation + your opinion**

Wir haben in einer Jugendherberge gewohnt – we stayed in a youth hostel

Ich habe ein Zimmer mit einem Freund/einer Freundin geteilt – I shared a room with a friend

Ich habe bei einer deutschen Familie gewohnt – I stayed with a German family

Meine Unterkunft war toll – my accommodation was great

Das Haus war fabelhaft – the house was fabulous

**The opportunities you had to speak FL/ how your language improved**

Ich habe sehr nette Kollegen gehabt – I had very nice colleagues

Wir haben uns oft unterhalten – we often spoke/chatted

Ich habe jeden Tag Deutsch gesprochen – I spoke German every day

**Free time activities day/night + opinions**

Morgens bin ich in die Schule gegangen – I went to the school in the morning

Ich bin einkaufen gegangen – I went shopping

Ich habe viele Sehenswürdigkeiten besichtigt – I visited a lot of the sights

Ich habe einen Tagesausflug nach ... gemacht – I went on a day trip to ...

Wir haben versucht mit den Einheimischen zu reden – we tried to speak with the locals

Am Nachmittag habe ich mich entspannt – I relaxed in the afternoon

Abends sind wir ins Kino gegangen – we went to the cinema in the evening

Ich bin in ein paar Konzerte gegangen – I went to a few concerts

**General likes and dislikes**

Das Essen hat mir (nicht) geschmeckt – I liked/didn’t like the food

Die Familie war nett und freundlich – the family were nice and friendly

Mein Aufenthalt hat mir viel Spaβ gemacht – My stay was a lot of fun

Ich hatte Heimweh – I was homesick

Ich habe viele neue Freunde gefunden – I found a lot of new friends

Ich mochte dass ich viel Deutsch sprechen und hören konnte – I liked that I could speak and hear a lot of German

**Would you repeat the experience?**

Ich würde gerne wieder nach Deutschland fahren, weil ... – I would like to go back to Germany because ...

man viele Erfahrungen sammelt – you gain a lot of experience

man viele interessante Leute trifft – you meet a lot of interesting people

es eine tolle Erfahrung war – it was a great experience

ich selbstständiger geworden bin – I became more independent

**Would you recommend this trip to others?**

Ich würde einen Aufenthalt in Deutschland empfehlen, weil ... - I would recommend a stay in Germany, because ...

man schnell die Landessprache lernt – you learn the language of the country quickly

Am Anfang war es sehr schwierig die Sprache zu verstehen – it was very difficult to understand the language at the beginning

Sie haben sehr schnell geredet – they talked very fast

ich habe meinen Aufenthalt voll ausgenutzt – I made the most of my stay

***Society***

**Relationships (family/friends)**

Ich habe mich sehr gut mit der Familie/meinen Freunden verstanden – I got on well with the family/with my friends

Ich habe viele nette Leute kennen gelernt – I met a lot of nice people

Meine Familie habe ich vermisst – I missed my family

**What your ideal holiday/trip would be like?**

Ich würde gern nach Österreich fahren, weil ich gern skifahre – I would like to go to Austria because I like skiing

Ich würde gern das Allianzstadion in München sehen, weil ich ein groβer Fuβballfan bin – I would like to see the Allianz stadium in Munich, because I am a big football fan

Ich interessiere mich sehr für Geschichte und würde gern eine neue Kultur kennenlernen – I am really interested in history and would like to learn about another culture

**How will you stay in touch with new friends?**

Nächstes Jahr hoffe ich meinen Austauschpartner/meine Austauschpartnerin zu besuchen – I hope to visit my exchange partner next year

**What are the plans for your partner to visit you in Scotland?**

Nächstes Jahr wird Sabine sechs Monate hier in Schottland verbringen – Next year Sabine will spend 6 months here in Scotland

Einen Deutschen/eine Deutsche würde ich gern zu mir nach Hause einladen – I would like to invite a German person to my home

***Learning***

**Describe the school you visited + opinion**

Die Schule war eine Gesamtschule mit ungefähr achthundert Schülern – the school was a comprehensive with about 800 pupils

Die Lehrer waren ziemlich streng aber sehr hilfsbereit – the teachers were quite strict but very helpful

Der Unterricht war interessant – the lessons were interesting

**Describe what you did at the exchange school**

Ich habe an einem Schüleraustausch teilgenommen – I tookpart in a school exchange

Ich habe alle meine Fächer auf Deutsch studiert – I studied all my subjects in German

Ich habe beim Englischunterricht geholfen – I helped in the English lesson

**Relationships (pen pals/exchange partners)**

Ich habe mich sehr gut mit den Lehrern/den anderen Schülern verstanden – I got on well with the teachers/the other pupils

***Employability***

**How you applied for/got the job**

Im Schaufenster hing ein Schild - so habe ich den Job gefunden – there was a sign in the shop window and that’s how I found the job

Ich habe den Job im Internet gefunden – I found the job on the internet

In der Zeitung war eine Anzeige – there was an advert in the newspaper

Eine Freundin von mir hat mir erzählt , dass das Café eine Kellnerin sucht – a friend of mine told me that the café were looking for a waitress

**Tasks the job entailed**

Ich habe als Au-pair-Mädchen gearbeitet – I worked as an au-pair

Ich habe Kaffee gekocht und Kuchen serviert – I made coffee and served cakes

Ich habe die Gäste begrüβt und bedient – I greeted the customers and served them

Ich habe die Tische sauber gemacht – I cleaned the tables

Ich habe an der Kasse gearbeitet – I worked on the cash desk

Ich habe Regale eingeräumt – I filled the shelves

**Your opinion of the work**

Ich mochte die Arbeit sehr, weil ich viele neue Leute getroffen habe – I liked the job a lot because I met a lot of new people

Ich mochte die Arbeit nicht, weil ich viel und lange arbeiten musste – I did not like the work because I had to work a lot and for long hours

Die Arbeit war einfach/schwer/interessant – the work was easy/difficult/interesting

**Relationships (colleagues)**

Meine Kollegen waren jung und sehr nett – my colleagues were young and very nice

Ich habe einen tollen/schrecklichen Boss gehabt – I had a great/awful boss

Er/sie ist immer sehr hilfsbereit/gemein gewesen – He/she was always very helpful/mean

**Reasons for working abroad**

Ich wollte mein Deutsch verbessern – I wanted to improve my German

Ich wollte neue Leute kennenlernen – I wanted to meet new people

**Would you recommend this type of work to others?**

Ich würde die Arbeit empfehlen, weil ... - I would recommend the work because ...

man gutes Geld verdient – you earn good money

man mehr Selbstbewusstsein gewinnt – you gain more self-confidence

***Culture***

**Describe a gap year**

Ich habe ein Jahr als Au-pair Mädchen in der Schweiz verbracht – I spent a year as an au-pair in Switzerland

How you funded it

Ich hatte einen Nebenjob in Schottland und habe für die Reise lange gespart – I had a part-time job in Scotland and saved for the trip for a long time

Whether you would recommend it

Ich mochte die Arbeit sehr, obwohl sie nicht gut bezahlt wurde – I liked the work a lot, although it wasn’t well-paid

Ich würde einen Auslandsaufenthalt empfehlen – I would recommend a trip abroad

Ich würde empfehlen im Ausland zu arbeiten – I would recommend working abroad

**Describe a celebration/party**

Als ich in Deutschland war, hat meine Austauschpartnerin eine Party gehabt – When I was in Germany, my exchange partner had a party

Sie hat ihre Prüfungserfolge mit einer Party gefeiert – she celebrated passing her exams with a party

Wir haben alle bis spät in die Nacht gefeiert/getanzt/gegessen/geplaudert – we all celebrated/danced/ate/chatted until late at night

**Describe a (Christmas) market**

Wir sind zu einem Weihnachtsmarkt gegangen – we went to a Christmas market

Dort habe ich viele Geschenke gekauft – I bought a lot of presents there

Ich habe auch Bratwurst gegessen und Glühwein getrunken – I also ate sausage and drank mulled wine

Die Atmosphäre war wunderbar – the atmosphere was wonderful

Es gab auch ein kleines Orchester und einen Chor - there was also a little orchestra and a choir

**Describe a film you have watched**

Wir haben neulich einen Film im Deutschunterricht gesehen – we recently watched a film in the German lesson

Der Film hieβ Almanya Willkommen in Deutschland – the film was called Almanya – welcome to Germany

Die Hauptthemen waren Familie, Integration und kulturelle Identität - the main themes were family,integration and cultural identity

Der Film hat mir gut/nicht gefallen,weil er sehr humorvoll/schwierig zu verstehen war – I liked/did not like the film because it was very funny/difficult to understand

**Here are some exemplar scenarios. Try writing an essay for each.**

**Society**

**SCENARIO 1: Society**

How well do you get on with your family and friends?

You have been asked to write an account **in German** of a trip you went on with

those who are important to you for your school/college website.

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

• Where you went **and** who you went with

• How well you got on together

• What activities you did

• What your ideal day trip would be like

**You should write approximately 120—150 words**

**SCENARIO 2: Society**

Last summer, you were invited to join German friends at a birthday party in Germany.

On your return, you have been asked to write an account **in German** of your experience.

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

• Where you stayed **and** what you thought of the accommodation

• What happened on the day

• What you enjoyed/did not enjoy about the party

• If you intend to keep in touch with the new friends you made in Germany

**You should write approximately 120—150 words.**

**SCENARIO 3: Society**

Last year you visited a town in Germany where you stayed with a local family. On your return you have been asked to write in German about your trip for the foreign language section of your school website.

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

* How you travelled and what the journey was like
* How you got on with the German family
* Some of the things you did during your stay
* Whether or not you would like to repeat the experience

**You should write approximately 120—150 words.**

**Learning**

**SCENARIO 1 — Learning**

Last summer, you spent two weeks staying with an German friend and went to

school/college with him/her.

On your return, you have been asked to write an account of your experience **in German**.

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

• Where exactly you went **and** how long you stayed

• What you liked/disliked about the German school

• What you did in your free time

• If you would recommend a visit to an German school/college

**You should write approximately 120—150 words.**

**SCENARIO 2 — Learning**

You took part in a school/college exchange abroad, where you stayed with a

family and you attended the local school/college.

On your return to Scotland you are asked to write an article **in German** for the

magazine of your exchange partner’s school/college.

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

• Where the school/college was situated **and** what it was like

• What staying with your host family was like

• What happened on a trip with the school

• Whether you would recommend a school/college exchange to others

**You should write approximately 120—150 words.**

**SCENARIO 3 — Learning**

You have just come back from Germany where you spent two weeks as an exchange student in your German partner school. You have been asked to write a report **in German** for the school website.

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

* How you travelled and what the journey was like
* What you did during the school day
* How you spent your spare time
* What plans you have to repeat the experience

**You should write approximately 120—150 words.**

**Employability**

**SCENARIO 1: Employability**

You have recently returned from Germany, where you have spent the summer

working.

On your return, you have been asked to write an account of your experiences to

try to encourage other pupils to do the same thing.

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

• What your job was **and** what you thought of the people you worked with

• What you had to do in your job

• What you liked/disliked about the job

• If you would recommend such an experience to others

**You should write approximately 120—150 words.**

**SCENARIO 2: Employability**

Last summer, you spent a month working in Germany.

You have been asked to write a report in Germany for your school/college

language webpage about your experience.

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

• Where you worked **and** how you got the job

• What you had to do every day

• If you got on with your boss and the other employees

• If you would recommend working abroad

**You should write approximately 120—150 words.**

**SCENARIO 3: Employability**

You have been working in a café in Germany to develop your language skills and

gain work experience.

You write a short article in German about your experiences there for the local

newspaper.

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

• where you found the job advert **and** how you applied for the job

• what kind of work you have been doing

• what you thought about the job

• whether you would recommend a summer job abroad

**You should write approximately 120—150 words**

**Culture**

**SCENARIO 1: Culture**

On your return from a gap year abroad, you write an article **in German** for the

Modern Languages Department website of your school/college.

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

• where you went **and** why you went there

• how you funded your gap year

• what you learned about the country

• whether you would recommend a gap year

**You should write approximately 120—150 words**.

**SCENARIO 2: Culture**

While in Germany, you attended a party organised by your German friend.

You have been asked to write about your experience **in German** for the language

section of your school/college website.

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

• Where you went **and** the reason your friend was having a party

• What the people were like that you met at the party

• What you enjoyed most about the party

• What plans you will make if your German friend comes to visit you

**You should write approximately 120—150 words.**

**SCENARIO 3: Culture**

Last December you went with a group of students from your school to a

town in Germany for a few days. While you were there you went to a Christmas

market.

On your return you were asked to write a report, **in German**, of your visit.

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

• Where you stayed **and** what you thought of the accommodation

• What you did at the market

• What you liked/disliked most about the experience

• How you plan to keep in touch with your new friends in the future

**You should write approximately 120—150 words.**