

# GCSE French - German - Spanish Themes and topics - LIST

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## The five themes are:

1. ● Identity and culture
2. ● Local area, holiday and travel
3. ● School
4. ● Future aspirations, study and work
5. ● International and global dimension.

## 1. Theme: Identity and culture

- **Who am I?** : relationships; when I was younger; what my friends and family are like; what makes a good friend; interests; socialising with friends and family; role models
- **Daily life:** customs and everyday life; food and drink; shopping; social media and technology (use of, advantages and disadvantages)
- **Cultural life:** celebrations and festivals; reading; music; sport; film and television

## 2. Theme: Local area, holiday and travel

- **Holidays:** preferences; experiences; destinations
- **Travel and tourist transactions:** travel and accommodation; asking for help and dealing with problems; directions; eating out; shopping
- **Town, region and country:** weather; places to see; things to do

## 3. Theme: School

- **What school is like:** school types; school day; subjects; rules and pressures; celebrating success

- **School activities:** school trips; events and exchanges

## 4. Theme: Future aspirations, study and work

- **Using languages beyond the classroom:** forming relationships; travel; employment
- **Ambitions:** further study; volunteering; training
- **Work:** jobs; careers and professions

## 5. Theme: International and global dimension

- **Bringing the world together:** sports events; music events; campaigns and good causes
- **Environmental issues:** being 'green'; access to natural resources

# Exam Board = Edexcel

## GCSE French – German- Spanish timings

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### Paper 1: Listening and understanding

1F – Foundation Tier	35 mins including 5 mins reading time	50 marks
1H – Higher Tier	45 mins including 5 mins reading time	50 marks

### Paper 2: Speaking

2F – Foundation Tier	7 – 9 mins plus 12 mins preparation time	70 marks
2H – Higher Tier	10 – 12 mins plus 12 mins preparation time	70 marks

### Speaking assessment timings

Foundation Tier		Higher Tier	
Preparation time	12 mins	Preparation time	12 mins
Task 1 – Role play	1-1.5 mins	Task 1 – Role play	2-2.5 mins
Task 2 – Picture based task	2.5-3 mins	Task 2 – Picture based task	3-3.5 mins
Task 3 – Conversation	3.5-4.5 mins	Task 3 – Conversation	5-6 mins
Overall timings	7-9 mins (+12 mins preparation)	Overall timings	10-12 mins (+12 mins preparation)

## Paper 3: Reading and understanding

**French, German, Italian, Portuguese and Spanish**

3F – Foundation Tier	45 minutes	50 marks
3H – Higher Tier	1 hour	50 marks

## Paper 4: Writing

**French, German, Italian, Portuguese, Spanish**

3F – Foundation Tier	1 hour 15 minutes	60 marks
3H – Higher Tier	1 hour 20 minutes	60 marks

**Learn vocabulary regularly:  
use Quizlet or other app you are  
familiar with**

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