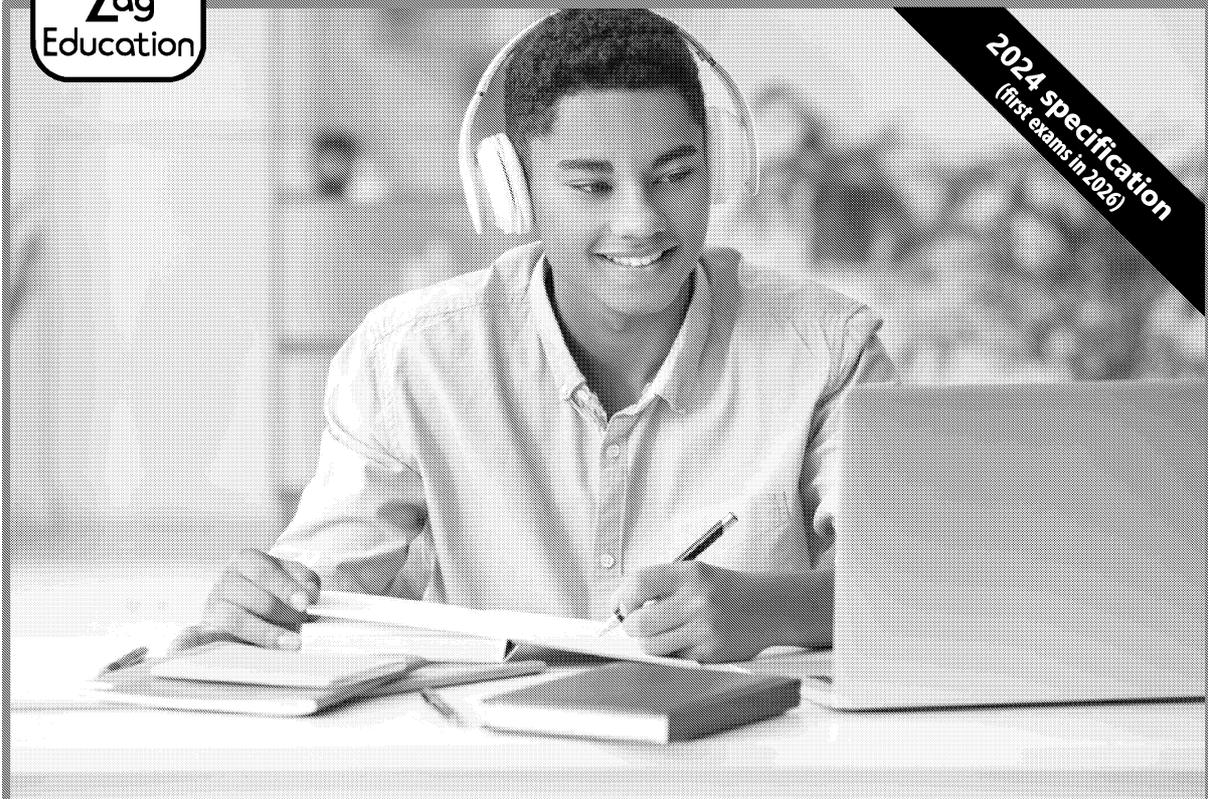




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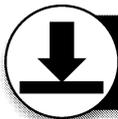
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# Practice Papers for GCSE Edexcel German

## Listening: Foundation



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# Teacher's Introduction

These Practice Papers have been written to help your students prepare for the **Listening** examination (Paper 2) for the GCSE Edexcel German **2024 specification**.

This pack contains three **Foundation** Tier practice papers. They have been designed in the style of the real Edexcel exam but with completely original content, including questions, transcripts and mark schemes.

The papers contain all of the question types that appear in the new SAMs, so that students can revise effectively. Each paper includes Section A: Listening Comprehension and Section B: Dictation, totalling 50 marks.

## How to use this resource:

Set the paper under exam conditions to give students an idea of what level they are working at. Go over the answers in class to identify strategies, such as:

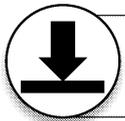
- reading the questions and predicting plausible answers before listening to the recordings
- applying a mixture of grammatical awareness and common sense
- using the context to aid intelligent guessing

Students should be encouraged to note down, and learn, any new vocabulary from the questions they got wrong. The same paper could be set again after a couple of months, when students should aim to get 100%.

## Additional note:

Dictation is a new skill for the 2024 specification. Students should be encouraged to practise this in class and discuss specific techniques. ZigZag Education has a Dictation Skills Pack available to support knowledge and skill-building in this area.

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All tracks are provided on the ZigZag Education Support Files system, which can be accessed via [zzed.uk/productsupport](https://zzed.uk/productsupport)

## Track Listings

Paper 1		Paper 2	
Track	Title	Track	Title
1	Introduction	1	Introduction
2	Being healthy	2	School rules
3	Tourism in Germany	3	Places in town
4	Applying for jobs	4	Equality
5	Getting around	5	Mental health
6	Friendship	6	Music habits
7	Sports habits	7	Plans for the future
8	Relationships	8	Holidays
9	Environmental issues	9	Gaming
10	Mobile phones	10	Sport
11	School rules	11	Friendship
12	My home (A)	12	Tourism in Germany (A)
13	My home (B)	13	Tourism in Germany (B)
14	Dictation sentence 1	14	Dictation sentence 1
15	Dictation sentence 2	15	Dictation sentence 2
16	Dictation sentence 3	16	Dictation sentence 3
17	Dictation sentence 4	17	Dictation sentence 4
18	Dictation sentence 5	18	Dictation sentence 5
19	Dictation sentence 6	19	Dictation sentence 6

**Teacher's note:**

Before starting the first track for a mock exam, students should be given 5 minutes preparation time. All tracks include the correct number of pauses and repetitions.

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# ZigZag Practice Exam

Supporting GCSE (9–1) Edexcel German: 2024 specification

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Write-on paper

German  
Listening



## Foundation Tier Practice Paper 3

Name	
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Time allowed: 45 minutes

5 minutes: reading time

40 minutes: exam time

The maximum mark for this paper is 50.

### Information:

- Answer each question in the space provided.
- Use the space provided to write your answers.
- Answer questions in both sections.
- In **Section A**, answer the questions in **English**.
- In **Section B**, complete the dictation in **German**.
- You must not use a dictionary.
- The number of marks available for each question is given in brackets. This should help you to plan your time.

### Advice:

- You have 5 minutes to read the questions and the instructions before listening to the recordings.  
You can use that time to take notes if you want to.
- The recording will be played three times. There will be a short pause between the recordings when you can read the questions again, and each will be followed by one, two or three beeps.
- You can write at any time during the exam.



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## Section A: Listening comprehension

### Free time

1. Felix is talking about his free time. What does he say?

Listen to what Felix says and then complete the sentences by putting a cross in each question.

- (a) Felix goes hiking...

	<b>A</b>	In the countryside
	<b>B</b>	in the mountains
	<b>C</b>	in the park

- (b) Sometimes he goes to the...

	<b>A</b>	museum
	<b>B</b>	library
	<b>C</b>	cinema

- (c) His favourite novel is a...

	<b>A</b>	detective story
	<b>B</b>	comedy
	<b>C</b>	romance

### Live music

2. Johanna is talking about watching live music.

Listen to what she says. Select the **three** things that she mentions by putting a cross in each correct box.

	<b>A</b>	cost
	<b>B</b>	sound
	<b>C</b>	finding tickets
	<b>D</b>	live music
	<b>E</b>	watching online
	<b>F</b>	people

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**House and home**

3. Yasmin is describing where she lives.

Use the words in the box to complete the sentences about what Yasmin says.

There are more words and short phrases than gaps.

living room	garage	loud
friendly	bathroom	kitchen

- (a) Yasmin particularly likes the big.....
- (b) There is no.....
- (c) The neighbours are .....

**Holiday accommodation**

4. Your friend, Malik, is talking about holiday accommodation in Switzerland.

Listen to what Malik says. Select the **three** things that he mentions by putting the correct box.

<input type="checkbox"/>	A There are so many holiday apartments in summer.
<input type="checkbox"/>	B Hotels can be full.
<input type="checkbox"/>	C Hotels are quiet.
<input type="checkbox"/>	D Private apartments are expensive.
<input type="checkbox"/>	E Staying in a hotel is cheap.
<input type="checkbox"/>	F Hotels have a swimming pool.

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## Well-being

5. Your German friend, Leon, is talking about well-being. What does he say?

Listen to what Leon says and then complete the sentences by putting a cross in each question.

- (a) Being healthy is...

	A important
	B difficult
	C easy

- (b) It is also necessary to have...

	A friends
	B fun
	C peace

- (c) Everyday life is...

	A boring
	B complicated
	C slow

- (d) When stressed, Leon...

	A goes for a walk
	B chats to friends
	C plays sports

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**School subjects**

6. Lara is talking to her teacher about school subjects. What does she say?

Listen to what Lara says and then complete the tables below in **English**. You write full sentences.

(i)

	<b>Science</b> (1 detail)

(ii)

	<b>Maths</b> (1 detail)

(iii)

	<b>English</b> (1 detail)

**Family relationships**

7. You hear Can describing relationships in his family.

Listen to what he says and then complete the sentences by putting a cross (X) in each of the boxes.

(a) Can gets on well with his brother because he...

	A tells the truth
	B is younger than him
	C is positive and content

(b) Can and his sister...

	A have had a conflict
	B like to share their things
	C get on well

(c) Can thinks his parents...

	A can get angry
	B are on his sister's side
	C are really young

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**Film stars**

8. Jana is talking about her favourite film star. Listen to the recording.

Use the words in the box to complete the sentences about what she says. There are more phrases than gaps.

comedy film	rich	live a normal life
interesting	cheap	thriller
wear fashionable clothes	fast	expensive

- (a) Jana's favourite star was in a .....
- (b) In interviews he seems.....
- (c) Jana loves that he tries to .....
- (d) The cars he drives are.....
- (e) His next film will be a .....

**A recent shopping trip**

9. Arda is describing a recent shopping trip. What does he say?

Listen to the recording and put a cross (X) next to the **three** correct answers.

<input type="checkbox"/>	A Arda went to the supermarket yesterday.
<input type="checkbox"/>	B Arda could not find anything.
<input type="checkbox"/>	C The supermarket was empty.
<input type="checkbox"/>	D After shopping, Arda ate in the café.
<input type="checkbox"/>	E Arda enjoyed eating in peace.
<input type="checkbox"/>	F Arda bought some bread.

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**Future plans**

10. You are listening to some German teenagers talking on a podcast about future plans.

Listen to the recording and complete the sentences by putting a cross (X) in the box next to each question.

(a) Ben would like to...

	A	live in Africa
	B	help animals
	C	go on holiday

(b) Emily's dream is a life...

	A	with children
	B	of travelling
	C	in the city

(c) Julian wants to...

	A	be rich
	B	live without money
	C	have a simple life

(d) ... is important to Lisa.

	A	Having a family
	B	Getting a job
	C	A good education

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**Ideal holiday**

**11.** Some Austrian teenagers are talking about their ideal holidays.

(a) Use the information you hear to answer the questions in **English**.

You do not need to write in full sentences.

(i) What does Lea say is a favourite experience?

.....

(ii) What does Lea find difficult?

.....

(b) Listen to what Elias and Samira say about what they like and dislike. Complete the tables.

You do not need to write in full sentences.

(i) Elias

likes...	
dislikes...	

(ii) Samira

likes...	
dislikes...	

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Section B: Dictation

12. You are going to hear someone talking about **relationships**.

Fill in each of the gaps in sentences 1–3 with one word in **German**.

Example: Meine Mutter ist immer nett.

- 1. Ich ..... nic ..... mit meiner .....
- 2. Meine ..... ist ein nettes .....
- 3. M ..... ist nie .....

Sentences 4–6: write down the full sentences that you hear in the spaces pro

Example: Meine Eltern sind freundlich.

- 4. ....
- 5. ....
- 6. ....

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# ZigZag Practice Exam

Supporting GCSE (9–1) Edexcel German: 2024 specification

**Non-write-on paper**

**German**



**Listening**

## Foundation Tier Practice Paper 3

**Time allowed: 45 minutes**

5 minutes: reading time

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### Information:

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- Answer all questions in both German and English.
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- (a) Felix goes hiking...  
 A In the countryside      B In the mountains      C In the city
- (b) Sometimes he goes to the...  
 A museum      B library      C cinema
- (c) His favourite write novel is a...  
 A detective story      B comedy      C science fiction

### Live music

2. Johanna is talking about watching live music.

Listen to what she says. Identify the three things that she mentions.

A cost	D rock music
B sound	E watching online
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### House and home

3. Yasmin is describing the house where she lives.

Use the words in the box to complete the sentences about what Yasmin says. Write short phrases than gaps.

living room	garden	loud
friendly	bathroom	kitchen

- (a) Yasmin particularly likes the big...  
 (b) There is no...  
 (c) The neighbours are...

### Holiday accommodation

4. Your friend, Malik, is talking about holiday accommodation in Switzerland.

Listen to what Malik says and identify the three things that he mentions.

A There aren't many holiday apartments in summer.	D Private holiday homes are expensive.
B Holiday apartments can be full.	E Staying in holiday homes is better than staying in hotels.
C Hotels are quiet.	F Hotels are better than holiday homes.

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  - C travel to Africa
- (b) Emily's dream is a life...
  - A with children
  - B of travelling
  - C without children
- (c) Julian wants to...
  - A be rich
  - B live without money
  - C live with money
- (d) ... for his brother Sascha.
  - A getting a family
  - B Getting a job
  - C getting married

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**Ideal holiday**

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(a) Use the information you hear to answer the questions in **English**.

You do not need to write in full sentences.

- (i) What does Lea say is a fantastic experience?
- (ii) What does Lea find difficult?

(b) Listen to what Lea and Samira say about what they like and dislike. Write

Yes/No. You do not need to write in full sentences.

- (i) Elias
  - likes...
  - dislikes...
- (ii) Samira
  - likes...
  - dislikes...

**Section 12: Dictation**

12. You are going to hear Lea and Samira talking about **relationships**.

Fill in the gaps in sentences 1–3 with one word in **German**.

Example: *Meine Mutter ist immer nett.*

- 1. Ich ..... mich gut mit meiner .....
- 2. Meine ..... ist ein nettes .....
- 3. Mein ..... ist nie .....

Sentences 4–6: write down the full sentences that you hear, **in German**.

Example: *Meine Eltern sind freundlich.*

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# Transcripts

## Practice Paper 1

### Section A: Listening Comprehension

Track	Question 1: Being healthy	
2	M1	Alina
	F1	Ich gehe zweimal pro Woche spazieren. Das ist gesund.
	M1	Yusuf
	M1	Ich liebe viele Spiele. Ich spiele Fußball. Tennis gefällt mir nicht.
	M1	Mein Onkel
F2	Ich esse keinen Käse. Er macht dick.	

Track	Question 2: Tourism in Germany	
3	F1	Deutschland ist toll. Das Essen ist lecker, und die Leute sind freundlich, aber sie sind teuer.

Track	Question 3: Applying for jobs	
4	M1	Ich möchte eine Arbeit als Kellner. Ich kann andere Menschen gut bedienen und spreche mehrere Sprachen. Natürlich bin ich fleißig und ich kann den ganzen Tag arbeiten.

Track	Question 4: Getting around	
5	F1	In der Stadtmitte fahre ich mit dem Fahrrad, weil es schnell ist. Eine Zehnminutenfahre ist schön, weil die Parks nett aussehen. Es gibt auch Radwege, also kann ich leicht ein Fahrrad fahren.

Track	Question 5: Friendship	
6	M1	Ein guter Freund sollte immer Zeit für dich haben. Bei Problemen sollte er dir helfen, wenn man keine Geschwister hat. Es ist schwierig, nur mit den Eltern zu leben. Ich mag junge Leute nicht.

Track	Question 6: Sporting habits	
7	M1	Bist du sportlich, Mia?
	F1	Ich bin sportlich. Meine Lieblingsaktivität ist Wandern, weil frische Luft gut ist.
	M1	Magst du Mannschaftssport?
	F1	Ja, ich bin in einer Handballmannschaft. Wir spielen einmal pro Woche.
	M1	Gehst du ins Fitnesszentrum?
	F1	Nein, ich habe keine Lust. Die Leute im Fitnesszentrum sind nicht sportlich.

Track	Question 7: Relationships	
8	M1	Normalerweise verstehe ich mich gut mit meinem Bruder, aber manchmal gibt es Probleme. Das ist traurig. Es gab gestern eine Party, also habe ich mich nicht mit ihm gesehen. Er trägt oft meine Sachen, und das ist für mich kein Problem.

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Track	Question 8: Environmental issues	
9	M1	Die Umwelt ist mir wichtig, aber es gibt in meiner Stadt Probleme mit den Straßen ein großes Thema. Ich finde es seltsam, dass so viele öffentlichen Verkehrsmittel toll sind. Ein Auto ist einfach nicht so kostenlos. Ein weiteres Problem sind die Temperaturen auf der Erde wird heißer. Meiner Meinung nach sind unnötige Reisen der Grund

Track	Question 9: Mobile phones	
10	F1	Ich benutze mein Handy jeden Tag. Ich habe für jedes Geschäft ein online Konto. Ich benutze mein Handy auch für Fitness. Wenn ich mit dem Auto fahre kann ich Musik hören. Zu Hause habe ich aber keinen Fernseher. Computerspiele langweilig finde. Ich spreche lieber mit Freunden

Track	Question 10: School rules	
11	M1	Noah Meiner Meinung nach sind die Regeln nötig. Es ist wichtig, dass der Unterricht kommt, denn das ist nicht richtig.
	M1	Ich habe kein Problem mit der Uniform. Ich finde eine Uniform sehr schön.
	F1	Elif Handys sind nicht erlaubt; das gefällt mir nicht. Wenn man das Handy benutzen will, darf man nicht.
	F1	Ich mache meine Hausaufgaben in der Bibliothek. Mein Handy ist im Unterricht sind Handys negativ.

Track	Question 11a: My home	
12	F1	Emily
	F1	Ich liebe meinen kleinen Garten, weil er interessante Pflanzen hat. Er ist ein Zimmer mit meiner Schwester teilen muss.

Track	Question 11b: My home	
13	M1	Julian
	M1	Ich wohne in einem alten Haus auf dem Land. Ich mag die traditionelle Haustür. Das kalte Badezimmer gefällt mir nicht.
	F2	Mika
	F2	Meine Wohnung ist an der Küste und ist klein. Das ist besser, weil es nicht so laut in der Wohnung sein, was mich müde macht.

## Section B: Dictation

Track	Question 12: Food and drink	
14	F1	Example: Ich mag Brot nicht. Sentence 1: Das <u>rotte</u> <u>Brot</u> ist sehr <u>lecker</u> .
15	F1	Sentence 2: Er trinkt eine <u>Tasse</u> * <u>Tee</u> .
16	F1	Sentence 3: Mein Lieblingsessen ist <u>Wurst</u> mit <u>Senf</u> *.
17	F1	Example: Cola trinken ist ungesund. Sentence 4: Ich esse Fisch mit Pommes.
18	F1	Sentence 5: Ein Vegetarier isst viel Obst.
19	F1	Sentence 6: Das Fleisch ist scharf.

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# Mark Schemes

## Practice Paper 1

Question	Part	Answers
1	a	C
	b	A
	c	A
2	a	A
	b	C
	c	D
3	a	waiter
	b	language
4		already bring
4		A, B, D (in any order)
5		C
	b	A
	c	B
	d	C
6	a	hiking
	b	plays in a handball team OR plays once per week
	c	doesn't want to go to the gym OR people are unfriendly
7	a	A
	b	C
	c	B
8	a	street traffic
	b	drive a car
	c	not necessary
	d	increasing temperatures
	e	unnecessary journeys
9		B, D, F (in any order)
10	a	B
	b	A
	c	C
	d	A
11	(i)	loving/loves/loved plants
	(ii)	having to share a room with her sister
	(i) likes:	traditional aspects (like the door)
	dislikes:	cold bathroom
	(ii) likes:	it is small / easier to clean
	dislikes:	can be loud

### Question 12 Dictation (10)

Mark	Number of rewardable words
10	19–20
9	17–18
8	15–16
7	13–14
6	11–12
5	9–10
4	7–8
3	5–6
2	3–4
1	1–2
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One tick per correct word  
nouns will not be penalised  
assessment of sound-syllable

- Das Stück Braten ist sehr lecker. (2)
- Er trinkt kalte Limette\* Tee. (2)
- Mein Lieblingsessen ist Wurst mit Senf\*. (2)
- Ich esse Fisch mit Pommes. (5)
- Ein Vegetarier isst viel Obst. (5)
- Das Fleisch ist scharf. (4)

(\* = off-list word)

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