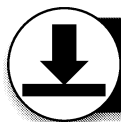


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Teacher's Introduction

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 **Higher** 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.

Remember!

Always check the exam board website for new information, including changes to the specification and sample assessment material.

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:

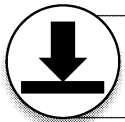
- reading the questions and predicting plausible answers before listening to the recordings
- applying a mixture of grammatical awareness and common sense
- using the context to aid intelligent guessing

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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Track Listings

Paper 1		Paper 2		
Track	Title	Track	Title	
1	Introduction	1	Introduction	
2	Relationships	2	Holiday	
3	Environmental issues	3	Swimming	
4	Mobile phones	4	Sport	
5	School rules	5	Friendships	
6	Film on TV	6	Activism in Switzerland	
7	Job advertisement	7	A weather report	
8	Transport	8	School studies	
9	Festivals (A)	9	Holiday accommodation (A)	
10	Festivals (B)	10	Holiday accommodation (B)	
11	Healthy lifestyles (A)	11	Habits and well-being (A)	
12	Healthy lifestyles (B)	12	Habits and well-being (B)	
13	Dictation sentence 1	13	Dictation sentence 1	
14	Dictation sentence 2	14	Dictation sentence 2	
15	Dictation sentence 3	15	Dictation sentence 3	
16	Dictation sentence 4	16	Dictation sentence 4	
17	Dictation sentence 5	17	Dictation sentence 5	
18	Dictation sentence 6	18	Dictation sentence 6	

Teacher's note:

Before starting the listening for a mock exam, students should be given 5 minutes. All tracks in the correct number of pauses and repetitions.

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Write-on paper

German



Listening

Higher Tier: Practice Paper 3

Name

Time allowed: 60 minutes

5 minutes: reading time

55 minutes: exam time

The maximum mark for this paper is 50.

Information:

- Answer each question in the space provided.
- Use the space 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 marks for each question are provided. These 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.
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Section A: Listening comprehension

Family relationships

1. You hear Can describing relationships in his family.

Listen to what he says and then complete the sentences by putting a cross (X)

- (a) Can gets on well with his brother. Use the...

	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

Film stars

2. 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. The 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 says he tries to
- (d) The cars he drives are
- (e) His next film will be a

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A recent shopping trip

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

Listen to the recording and put a cross (X) in the **three** correct boxes.

☐	A	Arda went to the supermarket every day.
☐	B	Arda could not find anything.
☐	C	The supermarket was empty.
☐	D	After shopping, Arda ate in the café.
☐	E	Arda enjoyed eating in peace.
☐	F	Arda bought some bread.

Future plans

4. 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 correct boxes.

- (a) Ben would like to...

☐	A	live in Africa
☐	B	help animals
☐	C	take a holiday

- (b) Emma'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 Sam.

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

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Television preferences

5. Anna, Elias and Joel are talking about television preferences.

Listen to what they say and then complete the tables below in English.

You do not need to write in full sentences.

(a)

	Musicals

(b)

	Watching football matches

(c)

	Storylines in TV programmes

Holiday accommodation

6. You hear a documentary about holiday accommodation in Austria.

Use the words in the box to complete the sentences about what it says. The phrases than gaps.

sleeping under the stars	nice food	hiking in nature
expensive holidays	mountain view	swimming pool

- (a) People who stay in a hotel in Austria expect

.....

- (b) Camping is a good alternative if you enjoy

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Food and drink

7. You hear some Swiss teenagers talking about food and drink in their region.

Listen to what they say about the advantages and disadvantages of food and

Complete the tables **in English**. You do not need to write in full sentences. Write

- (a) Mika

 Positive	
Negative	

- (b) Paula

Positive	
Negative	

- (c) Samira

Positive	
Negative	

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Improving health

8. Sofie and Leon are being interviewed about how people can improve their health.

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

(a) Sofie

(i) According to Sofie, ... find ... difficult.

	A	young people
	B	people who feel fat
	C	older people

(ii) Sophie thinks they don't feel happy...

	A	doing sport in front of others
	B	exercising in hot weather
	C	because they are not in shape

(iii) Sophie suggests they...

	A	go to the gym with a friend
	B	only do exercise
	C	do exercise with a professional

(b) Leon

(i) According to Leon, physical exercise...

	A	plays an important role
	B	is not enough
	C	is not the only answer

(ii) What you eat and drink is important if you...

	A	have no time for exercise
	B	like to exercise in the evening
	C	lose weight

(iii) Leon's ... has recently...

	A	improved the state of his health
	B	stopped cooking fresh food
	C	started exercising

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Environmental issues

9. You hear a news report about environmental issues. Listen to what it says.

(a) Select the **three** things that it mentions.

	A Humans can't stay warm in winter.
	B Animals can't survive in the winter.
	C The countryside needs help.
	D Animals need water to survive.
	E Extreme weather is a danger for animals.
	F It is most dangerous when there's no rain.

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

You do not need to write in full sentences.

(i) According to the report, what happens every time we drive?

.....

(ii) What has science shown?

.....

(iii) What would be a simple solution?

.....

(iv) What would be the outcome of that?

.....

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Section B: Dictation

10. You are going to hear someone talking about My personal world.

Sentences 1–2: write down the missing words in the gaps provided. In each gap write **one** word in **German**.

Example: Wir haben eine stabile Beziehung.

1. Meine eine



2. der

Sentences 3–6: write down the full sentences that you hear in the spaces provided.

Example: Es hat keinen Sinn, zu heiraten.

3.

4.

5.

6.



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Non-write-on paper

German



Listening

Higher Tier: Practice Paper 3

Time allowed: 60 minutes

5 minutes: reading time

55 minutes: exam time

The maximum mark for this paper is 50.

Information:

- Answer each question in your exercise book.
- Use a black pen to write your answers.
- Answer all 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 marks for each question are provided. These 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.
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Section A: Listening comprehension

Family relationships

1. You hear Can describing relationships in his family.

Listen to what he says and then complete the sentences by writing the correct word.

- (a) Can gets on well with his brother because he...
A tells the truth **B** is younger than him **C** is older than him
- (b) Can and his sister...
A have a conflict **B** like to share their things **C** don't like each other
- (c) Can thinks his parents...
A can get angry **B** are on his sister's side **C** are on his brother's side

Film stars

2. 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 words than you need.

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

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

Listen to the recording and identify the three correct answers.

A	Arda went to the supermarket yesterday.
B	Arda couldn't find anything.
C	The supermarket was empty.
D	After shopping, Arda ate in the café.
E	Arda enjoyed eating in peace.
F	Arda bought some bread.

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Future plans

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

Listen to the recording and complete the sentences by writing the correct letter.

- (a) Ben would like to...
 A live in Africa B help animals C travel around the world
- (b) Emily's dream is a life...
 A with children B of travelling C in a big city
- (c) Julia wants to...
 A live in a big city B live without money C travel around the world
- (d) ... is important to Sascha.
 A Having a family B Getting a job C Traveling

Television preferences

5. Anna, Elias and Joel are talking about television preferences.

Listen to what they say and then write your answers in **English**. You do not need to write a full sentence.

- (a) Musicals
 (b) Watching football matches
 (c) Storylines in TV programmes

Holiday accommodation

6. You hear an advertisement for holiday accommodation in Austria.

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

There are more words and short phrases than gaps.

sleeping under the stars	nice food	hiking in nature
expensive holidays	mountain view	swimming pool

- (a) People who stay in a hotel in Austria expect and a
 (b) Camping is a good alternative because you can enjoy

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Food and drink

7. You hear some Swiss teenagers talking about food and drink in their region.

Listen to what they say about the advantages and disadvantages of food and drink.

Write your answers **in English**. You do not need to write in full sentences.

- (a) Mika
- Positive (one detail)
 - Negative (one detail)
- (b) Paula
- Positive (one detail)
 - Negative (one detail)
- (c) Samira
- Positive (one detail)
 - Negative (one detail)

Improving health

8. Sofie and Leon are being interviewed about how people can improve their health.

Listen to the recording and complete the sentences by writing the correct letter.

- (a) Sofie
- (i) According to Sofie, ... find doing sports important.
- A young people
 - B people who feel stressed
 - C older people
- (ii) ... think they don't feel happy...
- A doing sport in front of others
 - B exercising in hot weather
 - C because they are not in shape
- (iii) Sophie suggests they...
- A go to the gym with a friend
 - B only do easy sports
 - C do exercise with a professional
- (b) Leon
- (i) According to Leon, physical exercise...
- A plays an important role
 - B is not enough
 - C is not the only answer
- (ii) What you eat and drink is important if you...
- A have no time to exercise
 - B like to exercise in the evening
 - C love your food
- (iii) Leon's friend has recently...
- A improved the state of his health
 - B stopped cooking fresh food
 - C started exercising

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Environmental issues

9. You hear a news report about environmental issues. Listen to what it says.

(a) Select the **three** things that it mentions.

A	Humans can't stay warm in winter.
B	Animals can't survive in the winter.
C	The countryside needs help.
D	Animals need water to survive.
E	Extreme weather is a danger for animals.
F	It is not dangerous when there's no rain.

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

You do not need to write in full sentences.

- According to the report, what happens every time we drive?
- What has science shown?
- What would be a simple solution?
- What would be the outcome of that?

Section 2: Application

10. You are going to hear something about My personal world.

Sentences 1–2: Write down **only** the missing words in **German**.

Example: *Wir haben eine stabile Beziehung.*

- Meine eine gute
- der

Sentences 3–6: write down the full sentences that you hear in **German**.

Example: *Es hat keinen Sinn, zu heiraten.*

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Transcripts

Practice Paper 1

Section A: Listening Comprehension

Track	Question 1: Relationships	
2	M1	Normalerweise verstehe ich mich gut mit meinem Bruder, aber er mag modische Kleidung. Das ist mir egal. Es gab gestern eine Party, also habe ich etwas getragen. Er trägt oft meine Sachen, und das ist für mich kein Problem.

Track	Question 2: Environmental issues	
3	M1	Die Umwelt ist mir wichtig, aber es gibt in meiner Stadt Probleme. Ein großes Thema sind die Straßen. Ich finde es seltsam, dass so viele öffentliche Verkehrsmittel toll sind. Ein Auto ist einfach nicht notwendig. Ein weiteres Problem sind die Temperaturen auf der Erde. Es wird heißer. Meiner Meinung nach sind unnötige Reisen der Grund.

Track	Question 3: Mobile phones	
4	F1	Ich benutze mein Handy jeden Tag. Ich habe für jedes Geschäft ein Handy. Ich online einkaufen. Ich benutze mein Handy auch für Fitness. Wenn ich unterwegs bin, dann kann ich Musik hören. Zu Hause habe ich aber keinen Computer. Ich finde Computerspiele langweilig. Ich spreche lieber mit Freunden.

Track	Question 4: School rules	
5	M1	Noah: Meiner Meinung nach sind die Regeln nötig. Es ist wichtig, dass man den Unterricht kennt, und das ist nicht richtig.
	M1	Ich habe ein Problem mit der Uniform. Ich finde eine Uniform sehr langweilig. 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 5: Film and TV	
6	F1	Was siehst du gern, Marie?
	F2	Ich sehe am liebsten Horrorfilme, aber gestern habe ich einen Liebesfilm gesehen, der langweilig war.
	F1	Wen siehst du gern, Malik?
	M1	Mein Lieblingsschauspieler ist der Beste. Er kann Komödien, weil er eine gute Scherz spielen kann.
	F1	Lena?
	F2	Ins Kino gehen ist mir nicht. Ich sehe lieber Sportsendungen. Ich mag die Mannschaft spielen.

Track	Question 6: Job advertisement	
7	M1	Wenn Sie unabhängig sind und harte Arbeit mögen, dann schreiben Sie eine Woche vier Tage im Büro sein und einmal in der Woche ein Studio. Sie müssen keine festen Arbeitszeiten haben, also beginnen können, eine Mutter oder einen Vater.

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Track	Question 7: Transport	
8	F1	In der Stadtmitte, wo ich wohne, fahre ich am liebsten mit der S-Bahn. Es gibt auch eine U-Bahn, aber die mag ich nicht, weil es zu dunkel ist.
	M1	Wo ich wohne, gibt es fast keinen Verkehr. Man kann mit dem Zug zum Bahnhof. Die Zugfahrt ist schön, besonders der Blick auf die Landschaft. Es gibt es keine Buslinien gibt.
	M1	Ich versuche mit dem Fahrrad zu fahren. Die Radwege sind praktisch. Ein Nachteil ist, wenn es regnet. Man kann es dann nicht vermeiden.

Track	Question 8a: Festivals	
9	F1	Ich freue mich sehr auf den Karneval in Wien, der nächsten Monat findet im Februar statt und ist ein beliebtes Fest. Tausende Besucher genießen, und es ist immer sicher. Ich glaube, mit vielen Leuten auf der Straße. Ich liebe es, die lokalen Gerichte zu probieren. Ich hoffe, viele Spaß. Ich denke, die Stimmung ist gut.

Track	Question 8b: Festivals	
10	M1	Felix Das ist meine erste Erfahrung mit dem Karneval in Wien. Letztes Jahr habe ich gefeiert, was mir wirklich gefallen hat. Ich habe eine typisch deutsche Wurst mit Pommes. Meine Mutter kocht zu Hause nur vegetarisch, deshalb esse ich zu Hause bin, so oft wie möglich Fleisch. Die Wurst hat ok geschmeckt, aber ein bisschen zu scharf. Der Karneval war jedoch ohne Zweifel eine Erfahrung, die ich machen würde.

Track	Question 9a: Healthy lifestyles	
11	F1	Ich lebe jetzt viel gesünder. Als Kind habe ich zu viel Kuchen gegessen, das hat mich sehr schmerzen. Süßes Essen verursacht Zahnschmerzen, also habe ich darauf geachtet. Seitdem habe ich viele Veränderungen an meinem Gesundheitsverhalten gemacht. Meine Haut ist jetzt viel besser. Mein Freund findet, dass ich jünger aussieht. Ich möchte weiter zu verbessern, trinke ich keinen Kaffee mehr, sondern Wasser. Was man isst und trinkt, spielt eine wichtige Rolle.

Track	Question 9b: Healthy lifestyles	
12	F1	Ich habe vor, meine Fitness in Zukunft noch weiter zu verbessern. Ich möchte mehr Sport lernen und einen Tennisclub finden. Ich bin kein Fan von Teamspor... ideal, denn man spielt allein oder mit nur einem Partner. Als ich früher war, war mir der Druck zu gewinnen zu groß, was dazu führte, dass ich nicht mehr Spaß hatte. Wenn ein Sport keinen Spaß macht, ist er nicht gut für die geistige Gesundheit.

Track	Question 10: Travel and tourism	
13	F1	Example: Meine Familie und ich sind in Österreich. Sentence 1: Der Zug ist nie zuverlässig*.
14	F1	Sentence 2: Die Unterkunft* ist ein Wohnwagen* am Meer.
15	F1	Example: Der Flug dauert eine Stunde. Sentence 3 : Das Schwimmbad ist eiskalt.
16	F1	Sentence 4 : Er fährt in der Sonne Fahrrad.
17	F1	Sentence 5 : Dieses Gebäude ist für seine Geschichte weltweit bekannt.
18	F1	Sentence 6 : Ein Winterurlaub gefällt mir am besten.

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Mark Schemes

Practice Paper 1

Question	Part	Answers
1	a	A
	b	C
	c	B
2	a	street traffic
	b	drive a car
	c	not necessary
	d	increasing temperatures
3		unnecessary travel
4		B, D, F
5	a	B
	b	A
	c	C
	d	A
6	a	a romance film
	b	plays a funny character
	c	when her favourite team is playing
7	a	independent hard work
	b	flexible
8	a	positive: travelling by tram is cheap negative: underground/metro is too dark
	b	positive: train journey is pretty / view of the mountains negative: no bus routes
	c	positive: practical cycle paths / cycle paths are easy to find negative: when it rains / can't avoid getting wet
9	a	i: C ii: B iii: A
	b	i: A ii: B iii: C
10	a	i: C ii: B iii: D
	b	i: she intends to learn to play tennis OR to find a tennis club
	c	ii: she is not a fan of team sport OR you can play alone / with only one partner
	d	iii: handball iv: the pressure to win was too great

Question 10 Dictation (10)

Mark	Number of rewardable words
10	28–30
9	25–27
8	22–24
7	19–21
6	16–18
5	13–15
4	10–12
3	7–9
2	4–6
1	1–3
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One tick per correct word
nouns will not be penalised
assessment of sound-syllable

- Der Zug zuverlässig*. (3)
 - Die Unterkunft* ist ein Wohnwagen* am Meer. (3)
 - Das Schwimmbad ist eiskalt. (4)
 - Er fährt in der Sonne Fahrrad. (6)
 - Diese Gebäude ist für seine Geschichte weltweit bekannt. (8)
 - Ein Winterurlaub gefällt mir am besten. (6)
- (* = off-list word)

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