

MFL (French or German)

Exam board: Pearson (Edexcel)

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2026-27 Y11 Mock Exams

Title and length of paper(s):

1. **Speaking – to be held in November:**
 - **7-9 min (F tier), 10-12 min (H tier)** + 14 min preparation time + 1 min in the exam room
2. **Listening and understanding:**
 - **45 min (F tier), 60 min (H tier)** incl. 5 min reading time
3. **Reading and understanding:**
 - **45 minutes (F tier), 1 hour (H tier)**
4. **Writing:**
 - **1 hour 15 minutes (F tier), 1 hour 20 minutes (H tier)**

Style(s) of question:

Speaking (both tiers):

- **Task 1:** a short text to read aloud in the target language and 2 linked questions
- **Task 2:** a role play task consisting of 5 bullet points
- **Task 3:** a picture-based task, consisting of a picture description and 2 linked questions with a continuing conversation. Students will know the theme of Task 3 in advance via class teachers.

Listening: Multiple-choice and short-answer open response questions:

- Section A has questions set in English. Section B is a dictation tasks in French/German.

Reading: multiple-choice and short-answer open response questions:

- Section A has questions set in English.
- Section B is a translation sentences/passage from French/German into English.

Writing: The writing tasks depend upon your Tier of entry:

Foundation Tier:

- **Task 1** – Describe a picture in four short sentences.
- **Task 2** – Write a 40–50-word text linked to three bullet points in a formal context. You have a choice of 2 questions.
- **Task 3** – Write an 80–90-word text linked to four bullet points in an informal context. You have a choice of 2 questions.
- **Task 4** – Translation of 5 short sentences from English into French/German.

Higher Tier:

- **Task 1** – Write an 80–90-word text linked to four bullet points in an informal context. You have a choice of 2 questions.
- **Task 2** – Write a 130–150-word text linked to four bullet points in a formal context. You have a choice of 2 questions.
- **Task 3** – Translation a short paragraph from English into French/German.

Knowledge to be assessed	Revision resources
<u>Speaking exam</u> <u>Read Aloud</u> 1 of the GCSE themes. <u>Role Play Task</u> 1 of the 10 transactional situations. <u>Picture Description Task + Conversation</u> Students will be told the theme of the picture and following conversation 3 weeks before the speaking exam. GCSE Themes - My personal world - Lifestyle and wellbeing - My neighbourhood - Media and technology - Studying and my future - Travel and Tourism <u>Listening & Reading exams</u> Vocabulary and grammar across all five GCSE themes. <u>Writing exam</u> Tasks from any of the five GCSE themes.	○ Topic vocabulary lists/booklets and sentences builders – See Year 11 knowledge folder on Teams. ○ Your class's Quizlet group at www.quizlet.com ○ Edexcel GCSE 2024 French / German Revision Workbook – available at 50% discount through school. ○ GCSE French - Edexcel - BBC Bitesize ○ GCSE German - Edexcel - BBC Bitesize ○ www.languagesonline.org.uk (for grammar revision including tenses)