

Welcome to Year 8 German



Course Structure

The books we are going to use this year are Stimmt 1 and Stimmt 2

YEAR 8 GERMAN STIMMT 1 AND 2.

Unit 1. Stimmt 1. Module 4. Schule ist Klasse!

In this module you will talk about school. You will give your opinion about school subjects, learn the days and how to tell the time, talk about your timetable, describe your teachers and your school's facilities and finally talk about your ideal school. As for grammar you will use *weil*, *sein* and *ihr* and learn the prepositions *in*, *auf*, *an* and *neben* with the dative case.

Unit 2. Stimmt 1. Module 5. Gute Reise.

In the final module of the first Stimmt book you will be talking about holidays. You will start off looking at cities and holiday destinations in German-speaking countries and then move on to buying souvenirs, drinks and snacks and using Euros. You will talk about holiday plans and understand and compose longer texts about holidays. The main grammar points will be *es gibt + (k)ein*, *ich möchte* and a new tense – the future using *werden*.

Unit 3. Stimmt 2. Module 1. Ich liebe Ferien.

You will move straight on to Stimmt 2 at this stage and the holiday theme continues. You will learn about the Austrian town of Innsbruck and the German city of Hamburg – looking at them in the past and the present. You will start the very important grammar point of the perfect tense – talking about past holidays, how you travelled, the weather and possible pitfalls of going away on holiday. Grammar wise you will improve the standard of your German by covering the perfect tense in depth – regular and irregular verbs with *haben* and *sein*. You will also learn some key verbs in the imperfect tense – *war(en)*, *hatte(n)* and *es gab*. The grammar section for this module concentrates totally on the past tenses.

Unit 4. Stimmt 2. Module 4. Klassenreisen machen Spaß.

You will now jump to Module 4 to continue the holiday theme. The focus here is school trips. You will cover school trips, youth hostelling, daily routine while at home and away, telling the time using the 12 hour clock, understanding and giving directions and describing festivals – particularly in Switzerland! The content of the unit dictates the grammar. You will learn the imperative so you can order other people about and understand regulations. The modal

verbs of *dürfen* and *müssen* are needed to understand youth hostel rules. Reflexive verbs are required for the topic of daily routine. An extra add-on is adjective endings.

Unit 8. Stimmt 2. Module 5. Wir gehen aus.

Your social life is the focal point of this module – discussing clothes and outfits (and uniforms!), researching Fairtrade labels, identifying German brands, planning a date, getting ready to go out and talking about how a date went – just like *Dinner Date* on ITV. The grammar hinges around word order this time – word order in subordinate clauses with *weil* and *wenn* and the time manner place rule – TMP. You will be revise the simple future tense with *werden* and cover adjective endings after the indefinite article.