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# Oxford German Olympiad 2016

## Deutscher Humor – nichts zum Lachen?

### Tasks & Guidelines

**Note that the closing date for submissions is 12 noon, Friday, 4 March 2016**

Entries should be submitted via the online form link at <http://www.ogn.ox.ac.uk/oxford-german-olympiad-2016>. Please note that we cannot accept postal or email entries. Entries received by post, by email or after the deadline will not be considered. Any queries or questions should be directed to the OGN Coordinator at [ogn@mod-langs.ox.ac.uk](mailto:ogn@mod-langs.ox.ac.uk).

**Please read the following guidelines carefully before entering the competition:**

1. Entries should be the work of the entrant(s) alone. Any additional assistance given by teachers or others should be noted in the space provided in the submission form.
2. All text included in the entries should be in **German except where stated in the task instructions**.
3. Entrants may enter individually or in groups of 2-4. Except where it is stated that a competition is open to larger groups or classes, entries from groups of more than 4 will not be considered.
4. Entrants must be resident in the United Kingdom.
5. Entries should be submitted in one of the following formats only:
  - \* Microsoft Word document
  - \* PDF
  - \* JPEG

**Files must be named using in the following way:**

**CompetitorSurnameCompetitorInitialOGO2016 (e.g. BloggsJOGO2016).**

This is to ensure that file names are unique and do not get lost in the system.

Film entries should be uploaded to [www.youtube.com](http://www.youtube.com) and a copy of the link submitted via the online form. Note that many schools have their own youtube channel which you may be able to use. Youtube also allows you to set up a private channel so that the only people who can see your video are those you have sent a link. Please ensure that the link is enabled for the OGN judging team to view it. **Make sure you have discussed this with your parent(s)/guardian(s) and your teacher before you upload anything to the internet!**

6. The judges will take account of linguistic accuracy, stylistic sophistication, and the creativity of the submission. The decision of the judges will be final and no correspondence will be entered into.



## Olympiad tasks

<b>Years 5–6</b>
Design a poster for Karneval or Fastnacht in a German/Austrian/Swiss town. (1 side of A4)
Draw a picture that explains the meaning of a funny German word or phrase. Include the word or phrase.
<b>Years 7–9</b>
Draw a comic strip of a humorous German story or poem. (1 side of A4; 100–200 words)
Write a short joke in German and illustrate it. (1 side of A4; 100–200 words)
Write a brochure explaining and illustrating a German/Austrian/Swiss comic tradition. (1 side of A4; 100–200 words)
<b>Years 10–11</b>
Write a review of a comedy show or piece of comic theatre, or write a comparison between a German and an English one. (200–250 words)
Write a profile of a German/Austrian/Swiss comic figure. (200–250 words)
Write an original comic poem in German. (200–250 words)
<b>Years 12–13</b>
Make a short film in German in response to a German-language comic tale or poem. (max. 5 mins)
Write a short comic story in German, or a comic version of an existing serious German story. (300–400 words)
Write a short essay in German about a joke, poem, book, film or event, explaining what makes it 'funny'. (max. 300 words)
<b>Open Competition for Groups or Classes (4+ participants)</b>
Film a short comic sketch in German. (max. 5 mins)
Write and perform a comic song in German. (max. 3 mins; your submission should include a written copy of your lyrics)