Oxford German Olympiad 2021: Tasks and Guidelines
DIE ALPEN

Note that the closing date for submissions is 12 noon, Thursday, 11 March 2021

Entries should be submitted via the online form at https://www.mod-langs.ox.ac.uk/mml_apps/community/public/form?id=ogn-olympiad-2021. 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 Olympiad Coordinator at olympiad@mod-langs.ox.ac.uk.

Don't forget that you can look at the information, literature and video clips on our Olympiad pages for ideas and inspiration! Just follow this link: www.ogn.ox.ac.uk/content/the-alps

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 Olympiad Teacher 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. All entrants must indicate how long they have been learning German and/or if they are native speakers of German.

5. Entrants may only take part in one task within their age group as INDIVIDUAL entrants.

6. Where 2 or more entrants are entering as a GROUP, one nominated entrant should fill in the entry form. In the relevant box, the nominated entrant should list the first name and surname of each other member of the group.

7. Unless specified otherwise, entries should be submitted in one of the following formats only:
* Microsoft Word document
* PDF

* JPEG
**Files <u>must</u> be named in the following way:
CompetitorSurnameCompetitorInitialOGO2020 (e.g. BloggsJOGO2020).**

<u>Note that correct file naming is the responsibility of the entrant</u> and failure to use this format may impede efforts to trace the file in the submission system if it should go missing. The Olympiad Coordinator is not obliged to contact entrants to trace missing or misnamed submissions and this may mean that such files cannot be passed to the judges.
Film entries should be uploaded to www.youtube.com and a copy of the link submitted via the online form. The link must be entered in the relevant box AND uploaded as a Word or PDF document (the document should only contain the link). Original work in the form of a website link should also be submitted via the online form in the relevant box AND uploaded as a Word or PDF document. 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 to whom you have sent a link. Please ensure that the link is enabled for the Olympiad 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! You must also make sure that you do not upload any material that is subject to third-party copyright.**

8. The judges will take account of academic level, creativity, linguistic accuracy, stylistic sophistication and – where appropriate – factual accuracy of the submission. The decision of the judges will be final and no correspondence will be entered into.

9. Every submission must include a completed **Olympiad Teacher Form** (https://www.mod-langs.ox.ac.uk/mml_apps/community/public/uploads/ogn-olympiad-2020-teacher-form.pdf). If no teacher form can be supplied, please send an email to olympiad@mod-langs.ox.ac.uk with the subject line 'Olympiad Teacher Form' providing an explanation.

10. Entrants under the age of 13 (i.e. ages 9-12) must provide a **Consent Form** (https://www.mod-langs.ox.ac.uk/mml_apps/community/public/uploads/ogn-olympiad-2020-parent-guardian-form.pdf). The Consent Form can be found on the online submission page and on p.6 of these guidelines). It must be manually signed by parents/guardians of entrants under 13, and a copy (image or scan) uploaded alongside the entrant's competition entry. Typed digital signatures will not be accepted. Submissions by entrants under 13 without a Consent Form cannot be considered.

The Competition Tasks
Choose <u>one</u> of the tasks appropriate for your age group.

Years 5 and 6 (age 9-11)
1. You are packing your suitcase for a hiking trip in the Alps. Draw the 12 most important items to take on your trip and label them. (1 side of A4).
2. Find an animal, a flower and a tree that live in the Alps and draw or paint them. Give each one 4 labels. (1 side of A4).
3. Design your own "Schlitten" and draw yourself racing down the mountains to the valley. Include 10-12 labels in your picture. (1 side of A4).

Years 7 to 9 (age 11-14)
1. The "Raurakel" (Austria), "Dahu" (Switzerland) or "Wolpertinger" (Germany) are mythical creatures that live in the alpine regions (according to legend!). There are many different descriptions of these creatures. They are generally the size of a small mammal and have a body with various animal parts — for example wings, antlers, a tail, or fangs. They are often depicted with legs of different lengths, which makes it easier for them to move on slopes. Draw or paint your own version of one of those mythical creatures in its alpine habitat and write a short text describing its main features. (100-200 words, 1-2 sides of A4).
2. Research what equipment alpine communities have developed over the centuries to get about in the snow. Draw three types and write a short account of each. (100-200 words, 1-2 sides of A4).
3. "Heidi" is a famous children's story by the Swiss author Johanna Spyri, published in 1881. Draw a picture from her story and describe what is happening. (100-200 words, 1-2 sides of A4).

Years 10 and 11 (age 14-16)
1. From Hannibal crossing the Alps in 218 BC to the Gotthard Base Tunnel which opened in 2016, the Alps have always presented a challenge to travellers. Write a (fictional) account of someone making the crossing in the form of a diary entry, blogpost or magazine article. (200-250 words).
2. Tell the story of a mountain rescue involving a dog, using one or more real stories as inspiration. (200-250 words).
3. "Schweizerdeutsch" (Swiss German) or "Schwiizerdütsch" is spoken in some alpine regions of Switzerland and the North of Italy. Find a short audio or video example and try and repeat it. Record yourself on video with a brief introduction and submit the recording together with a link to the original example. (max. 4 minutes).

Years 12 and 13 (age 16-18)
1. "Alpentourismus vs. Naturschutz". Plan a conference for 16-18 year olds including the advertisement and programme with keynote lectures and topics for roundtable discussion. (300-400 words).
2. Create an informative leaflet about "Gletscherschmelze". (300-400 words).
3. Write an essay or video yourself giving a lecture on the following topic: „Was wissen wir über Ötzi?" (300-400 words).

Open Competition for Groups or Classes (4+ participants)
1. Create a website for tourists about a fictional village in the Austrian or German Alps.
2. Find out about "Almauftrieb" and "Almabtrieb**".** Write and illustrate a children's book about two dairy cows that spend their summer in the mountains. (4-6 sides of A4)
3. Create an online exhibition about what life in the Alps was like for people in the past.

Discover German - Taster Competition (1-3 participants with no prior experience of studying German):
1. **Years 7 to 9 (ages 11-14):** Draw or paint a picture of a village in the Alps and label 10 things in it. (1 side of A4).

2. **Years 10 and 11 (ages 14-16):** Find 10 animals that live in the Alps and film yourself saying their English and German names. (max. 4 minutes).

3. **Years 12 and 13 (ages 16-18):** Research words formed with (a) **Alpen** and with (b) **wandern**, and present them in two lists with a translation for each word (the translation may consist of more than one word). Then create two spider diagrams (omitting the translations), considering how best to represent the relationships between the words within each of the diagrams.

OLYMPIAD TEACHER FORM

Thank you for encouraging your pupils to take part in the Oxford German Olympiad. Each entrant (or, for groups, the nominated entrant) must upload a completed Olympiad Teacher Form.

For individual entries

Full name of student entering the prize: ....

- The entrant has been learning German for .... years

For group entries (2+ entrants)

Full name of nominated entrant:
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- The entrants in the group have been learning German for.............. to ....years.

Teacher

Full name: …...
Job title: ....
School name: ....
School address: ....
Email address: ....

Teacher's statement – please tick as appropriate:

◯ The assignment has been completed by the student(s) without any additional help from staff.

◯ The student(s) was/were given the following assistance by staff:

The information you have supplied will be held by the Faculty of Medieval and Modern Languages, University of Oxford for the purpose of administering the competition. It will be held securely and will not be passed on to any third parties. Your details will be deleted from our records once the competition and associated events have finished. You have the right to request it be deleted sooner by emailing us at olympiad@mod-langs.ox.ac.uk or writing to us at Oxford German Network, Faculty of Medieval and Modern Languages, 41 Wellington Square, Oxford, OX1 2JF. If you would like to be added to our mailing list, please email us at ogn@mod-langs.ox.ac.uk

Signature.. Date......................

UNDER 13 – CONSENT FORM

If you are under 13, please ask your parent or guardian to complete and sign the form below and upload it alongside your submission to the Oxford German Olympiad.

Student's name	
Date of birth	
School name	
Activity	Oxford German Network Olympiad 2020
Parent/Guardian's Name	
Parent/Guardian's telephone number	
Parent/Guardian's email address	

The German Olympiad is administered by the Oxford German Network, as part of the Faculty of Medieval and Modern Languages at the University of Oxford. When you submit an entry to the Olympiad you will be asked to provide personal details: your name, date of birth, email address, and the name of your school. This data will be held by the Faculty of Medieval and Modern Languages in a secure environment and will not be passed on to external companies or individuals. We will hold the data until the competition has closed and the results announced. You have the right to ask us which data we hold about you at any time, and to ask for that data to be deleted from our system.

I have read the above details. I understand them and I consent:

- that my child's data be held securely by the Faculty of Medieval and Modern Languages for the purpose of the Olympiad □
- in the case where my child wins a prize in this competition, that the child's name and school name be published on the OGN website and related social media channels □
- in the case where my child wins a prize in this competition, that photographs of the child be taken at the Prizegiving, to be stored securely by the OGN, and that these images be used on the OGN website and related social media channels □

Parent/guardian's signature	Date
Student's signature	Date

PRIVACY POLICY

When you submit your entry, you will see a link to the privacy policy for outreach activity at the Faculty of Medieval and Modern Languages, University of Oxford. When you submit an entry to the competition you provide us with some personal data, which allows us to process your submission. Please tick the box on the submission page to confirm you have read the privacy policy and consent to your data being used in this way. If you are under the age of 13, please discuss this with your parent or guardian.

HEAT agreement

The Oxford German Olympiad is part of the University of Oxford's outreach activity, which means that it is part of a programme of activities the university undertakes with schools to increase knowledge about Higher Education and to widen access. As part of this outreach activity, we collect some personal data and record it in the Higher Education Access Tracker ('HEAT'). The University of Oxford uses the HEAT service and database (www.heat.ac.uk) to record information about its outreach activities and the students who take part in these activities. HEAT helps us identify which activities are most helpful in preparing students for higher education and progressing to employment. HEAT is, or may be, used by different parts of the University, including colleges, faculties, departments or administrative units, as well as by other entities associated with the University. When you submit your entry to the Olympiad you will see a link to the HEAT agreement, which gives full details of how your data may be stored and used. If you are comfortable with our recording your personal details in HEAT, please tick the appropriate box. This is entirely optional and whether or not you agree has no bearing on the outcome of the competition, nor on University admissions. If you are under the age of 13, please discuss this with your parent or guardian.