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Oxford German Olympiad 2027: Tasks and Guidelines

Berufe – Freizeit – Hobbies!

Note that the closing date for submissions is 12 noon, Thursday, 11 March 2027

Entries should be submitted via the online form at https://www.mod-langs.ox.ac.uk/mml_apps/community/public/form?id=ogn-olympiad-2027. 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.

BULK ENTRIES: **Teachers** who would like to enter student entries in bulk please contact olympiad@mod-langs.ox.ac.uk for instructions.

Please read the following guidelines carefully before entering the competition:

1. Entries must be submitted using the Online Entry Form. Please take care to specify on the Online Entry Form **which task you are submitting an entry for** (e.g. "Year 7-9, Task 1", "Discover German, Task 2", "Group Task 1" etc.). **Entries submitted in the wrong category will not be considered!**
2. 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 Online Entry Form and/or on the teacher form. Essays found to have been produced with AI tools will be disqualified. Entries which the judges consider were produced with the assistance of online tools will be disqualified.
3. All text included in the entries should be in **German** **except where stated in the task instructions**.
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 enter as individuals. **Group entries will not be considered except for the "Open Competition for Groups" category**, which is open to **groups of 2-4**. Entries from groups of more than 4 will not be considered for the "Open Competition for Groups" category.
6. Entrants may only take part in one task within their age group as INDIVIDUAL entrants. They are permitted to submit an additional entry as part of a GROUP.

7. 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. **Please ensure you have permission to do so from your fellow group members.** For entrants under 13, each group member will need to submit a **Consent Form** (see below or https://www.ogn.ox.ac.uk/files/parent_form.pdf). The nominated entrant is responsible for informing their fellow group members about any communications from the Oxford German Network, e.g. about results, invitation to the prizegiving, etc.

8. Unless specified otherwise, entries should be submitted in one of the following formats only:

- * Microsoft Word document
- * PDF
- * JPEG

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.**

9. 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 is final and no correspondence will be entered into.**

10. **Every submission** must include a completed **Olympiad Teacher Form** (see below or <https://www.ogn.ox.ac.uk/files/ogn-olympiad-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.

11. Entrants under the age of 13 (i.e. ages 9-12) must provide a **Consent Form** (see below or https://www.ogn.ox.ac.uk/files/parent_form.pdf). It must be signed by parents/guardians of entrants under 13, and a copy 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 one of the tasks appropriate for your age group. All tasks to be completed in German, unless indicated otherwise.

Years 5 and 6 (age 9-11)	
1.	„Mein Haustier im Berufsleben“ (My pet – ‘home animal’ – at work). Draw a picture of your pet or cuddly toy, pretending it is working, and explain what job it is doing with 10 labels. (10 labels, 1 side of A4).
2.	„Mein Haus im Jahr 2047“ (My House in 2047). Imagine that you are an architect of the future and designing your own house for the year 2047. Create a drawing of your house and label ten features. At least five of these should be futuristic and at least five should be designed to protect the environment. (10 labels, 1 side of A4).
3.	„Mein Lieblingshobby“ (My Favourite Hobby). Take a photo of yourself – or draw yourself – doing your favourite activity in your favourite place and label the ten most important things or parts of your body for doing your activity. (10 labels, 1 side of A4).
Years 7 to 9 (age 11-14)	
1.	„Ein Tag ohne Schule“ Create a short comic about your perfect day off. (100-200 words, 1-3 sides of A4.)
2.	„Viel Spaß im Freizeitpark!“ Design your ideal amusement park complete with rides, games and food stalls. Record a video or audio of yourself explaining its attractions. (1 side of A4 and max. 3 minutes).
3.	„App Designer gesucht!“ You’re responding to this ad and need to present your idea for a new app. Your proposed app design should include the name of your app, a logo, its main features, and a testimonial by your imagined ideal target user. (100-200 words, 1-3 sides of A4.)
Years 10 and 11 (age 14-16)	
1.	„Ich bin Influencer!“ Develop a video or write a text advertising your channel. Explain its name and focus, the topics you feature, why your channel is so popular, and what makes your channel different from others. (2-3 sides of A4, 200 words OR max. 4 minutes).
2.	„Das Freizeitangebot in meiner Stadt“ - Create a digital brochure presenting the best leisure activities in your home town. (2-3 sides of A4, 200 words).
3.	„Zurück aus der Zukunft!“ You have travelled back in time from the year 2047 to the year 2027 and are being interviewed about what life is like in the future. Tell them how jobs, hobbies, and everyday life have changed. (200-250 words or video/audio of max. 4 minutes).
Years 12 and 13 (age 16-18)	
1.	„Das ideale Freizeitangebot!“ Create a video of yourself giving a presentation about the excellent leisure facilities and opportunities that await the viewer in the German Town X. The town, facilities and opportunities should be real. (max. 3 mins).
2.	„Auf der Suche nach den Berufen der Zukunft.“ Create a conference brochure with keynote papers, workshops and activities. (300-400 words, include images).
3.	„Mach dein Hobby zum Beruf!“ Create a brochure or website advertising a job opportunity that sounds too good to be true. (300-400 words).
Open Competition for Groups (2-4 participants)	
1.	„Ein Tag als ...“ (A Day as ...). Create a video sketch including speech, about a day doing a job or pursuing a hobby. (max. 4 minutes).
2.	Create a video sketch including speech, entitled „Zu viel Arbeit ist ungesund...“. (max. 4 minutes).
3.	Record a podcast with the title „Mein Beruf ist einzigartig“, where one or multiple guests talk to the

podcast host(s) about their unusual jobs. (max. 4 minutes).

Discover German - Taster Competition (individual participants with no prior experience of studying German):

1. **Years 5 and 6:** „*Traumberufe und Lieblingshobbies*“. Draw a picture or create a collage of your dream job OR favourite hobby and give your picture 10 explanatory labels. (10 labels, 1 side of A4).
2. **Years 7 to 9 (ages 11-14):** „*Komische Berufe*“ (Funny (or Strange) Jobs and Hobbies). Find German words for 10 jobs that you find amusing or odd (either the jobs themselves or their names). Record yourself saying the German words and the English translations. (The funniest word we have come across is *Donaudampfschiffahrtsgesellschaftskapitän* – Captain of the Danube Steamship Company!)
3. **Years 10 and 11 (ages 14-16):** „*Ein modernes Aschenputtel*“ (A Modern Cinderella). Rewrite (in English) the story of *Aschenputtel* by the Brothers Grimm as the story of a girl exploited as a maid by her stepmother, setting it in a real modern German city and including 15 German words. (1 side of A4).
4. **Years 12 and 13 (ages 16-18):** German loves building words from other words! With the help of a dictionary, create two spider diagrams for words formed from the verb '*arbeiten*' and the noun '*Beruf*' (equivalent to a word family such as 'run' – 'runner' – 'runny' – 'runway' – 'forerunner'), providing a translation in brackets under each word. (1 side of A4 for each diagram). Write a short blog post about how you found them and what differences from English you discovered. (3 sides of A4 in total).

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..... toyears.

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 Schwarzman Centre for the Humanities, Radcliffe Observatory Quarter, Oxford OX2 6GG. 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
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 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.