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91971 Demonstrate understanding of spoken German related to everyday contexts

Credits: Five

Achievement	Achievement with Merit	Achievement with Excellence
Demonstrate understanding of spoken German related to everyday contexts.	Demonstrate sound understanding of spoken German related to everyday contexts.	Demonstrate thorough understanding of spoken German related to everyday contexts.

Check that the National Student Number (NSN) on your admission slip is the same as the number at the top of this page.

You should attempt ALL the questions in this booklet.

Each of the questions in this assessment requires you to listen to a passage in German. You will hear each passage four times:

- The first time, you will hear it as a whole.
- The second, third, and fourth times, you will hear it in sections, with a pause after each.
- As you listen, you may make notes in the space provided.
- Before the passage begins, you will have 30 seconds to read the question.
- Once the passage has finished, you will have time to review your answers.

Answer in your choice of English or te reo Māori. If you need more room for any answer, use the extra space provided at the back of this booklet.

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Answer in your choice of English or te reo Māori.

INSTRUCTIONS

You may listen to each passage four times using the audio player. The first reading is the entire passage, and the second, third, and fourth readings split the passage into sections. Complete your audio listening before continuing to the next page.

FIRST PASSAGE: *Das muss man in Deutschland wissen* (You need to know this in Germany)

Listen to Hana, who has just returned from Germany, sharing three pieces of advice for your first trip there. Refer to the passage in your answer to Question One.

Glossed vocabulary

das Bargeld cash
überall everywhere
überqueren to cross

AUDIO PLAYER: First Passage

Read the question before you begin listening to the passage.

Each section can be played ONCE only, and cannot be paused or stopped.

FIRST READING

Full passage
2m 51s Played

SECOND READING

Section 1 Section 2 Section 3
Played Played Played

THIRD READING

Section 1 Section 2 Section 3
Played Played 1m 1s Played

FOURTH READING

Section 1 Section 2 Section 3
47s Played 1m 2s Played 1m 1s Played

LISTENING NOTES

better to go to a smaller city where fewer people can speak English if you want to practise German and it's your first time

in a big city there are a lot of international tourists. Sometimes people will answer German questions in English (probably) when you ask something in German you'll probably get the answer in English when a lot of people on the street understand or speak English it's harder to practise German

cash - can easily use credit cards everywhere you travel, but not Germany, the Germans often prefer to pay in cash in several shops and supermarkets, you can only pay in cash

in restaurants for example you should only pay in cash, you only need to take cash sometimes, they don't accept credit cards

in Germany you need to be 18 to drive a car, even if you already have a NZ driver's license

you drive on the right and sit on the left to drive when you're crossing the street, the traffic comes from the left first

when you want to go for a quiet and calm walk you can go to a pedestrian zone

QUESTION ONE

(a) Complete the table below with details from the passage.

Advice on improving your German

B I U

If it's your first time going to Germany and you want to improve your German, it's a good idea to travel to a smaller city. In a smaller city, fewer people will speak English and you will have more opportunities to use and practise your German. In a big city, on the other hand, it's harder to improve your German because there are a lot of international tourists, and when you ask someone a question in German, they're likely to answer in English. When a lot of people on the street understand or speak German, it's harder to practise your German, so it's a good idea to travel to a smaller German city where there will be fewer English speakers.

Advice on paying for something

B I U

Many people are used to being able to easily pay with their credit card everywhere they travel. However, in Germany, the Germans often prefer to pay in cash. In several shops and supermarkets, you can in fact only pay in cash and credit cards are not accepted. If you are going out, for example to a restaurant, you need only take cash and should only pay in cash. Sometimes, credit cards aren't accepted so it isn't necessary to carry one.

Advice on getting around

B I U

In Germany, you need to be 18 years old to drive a car, even if you already have a New Zealand driver's license. If you are driving a car in Germany, you sit on the left to drive and drive on the right side of the road. You need to be careful when crossing the street in Germany, because traffic will come from the left first. If you want to go for a quiet and calm walk, it's better to use pedestrian crossings rather than try to cross the road without one.

(b) (i) Which of the three hints do you find most surprising? Justify your response using evidence from the passage.

B I U

I found the second hint about paying for things most surprising out of the three. This is because credit cards are a widely accepted and versatile form of payment, so it surprised me that this would not be accepted in Germany. It seems to me that not accepting credit cards would slow down efficiency in shops and restaurants. It's more difficult to carry around a lot of cash than to just carry a credit card. Overall I just thought it was strange because carrying and paying with cash is overly convoluted compared to carrying and paying with a credit card, therefore it surprised me that in many places in Germany credit cards are not even accepted and you must pay with cash.

(ii) Using evidence from the passage, explain why the other two hints surprised you less.

B I U

The first hint did not surprise me because it makes sense that in a bigger city, there would be more international tourists and therefore more English speakers. Probably many of the German-speaking inhabitants of the city would also be more likely to speak English than in a small city because they're more likely to come into contact with native English speakers on a day-to-day basis. It's also probably just considered good manners to answer a question in English even if it's asked in German, to be helpful and make sure the English speaker understands the response. Therefore, it would be difficult to practise your German if people default to speaking English around you. In a smaller city, there will be fewer English speakers and so you will have to speak German, which means you will get more practice and improve your German faster. The third hint also didn't surprise me as much as the second hint, because many of the pieces of advice for getting around in Germany would also be applicable in New Zealand. While I was slightly surprised by the driving age being 18 in Germany as opposed to 16 in New Zealand, most of the other advice would work for New Zealand too. The driver's seat and the side of the road you drive on are the opposite to what they are in New Zealand, but other than that the basic principles of driving stay the same. If you're crossing the road you should be checking both ways anyway, and it's always a good idea to use pedestrian crossings when crossing the street.

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SECOND PASSAGE: *Probleme (Problems)*

Listen to two students, each explaining their problem. Anna is in Germany and Johann is in New Zealand. Refer to the passage in your answer to Question Two.

Glossed vocabulary

dringend urgently

AUDIO PLAYER: Second Passage	LISTENING NOTES
<p>Read the question before you begin listening to the passage.</p> <p>Each section can be played ONCE only, and cannot be paused or stopped.</p> <p>FIRST READING</p> <p>Full passage 2m 57s Played</p> <p>SECOND READING</p> <p>Section 1 Played Section 2 Played Section 3 Played Section 4 Played</p> <p>THIRD READING</p> <p>Section 1 1m 1s Played Section 2 Played Section 3 Played Section 4 Played</p> <p>FOURTH READING</p> <p>Section 1 1m 1s Played Section 2 Played Section 3 49s Played Section 4 33s Played</p>	<p>Anna - has a big problem; she's in the city and needs the bathroom but can't find any toilets. She thought that it wasn't urgent, but looked for an hour and couldn't find any. Now it's very urgent. She's a stranger here in the city and can't find any bathrooms. She goes to a store and asks politely if they have a bathroom. The woman apologises and tells her they don't have any, but the woman tells her to go to Cafe Klaus - leave the shop and turn left, the cafe is on the corner. Anna thanks the woman and leaves.</p> <p>Johann - had a problem yesterday morning - his car was broken, he couldn't start it. Maybe the battery is dead? He needs his car because he goes from school straight to his job in the city. He had an important exam yesterday at 9 am and needs to not miss it and get good marks this year because he wants to go to uni next year. He needs to get to school quickly. Suddenly he had a good idea - maybe he could get a ride with his neighbour. Normally he (the neighbour) usually leaves at this time for work, maybe he can come with. He calls his neighbour quickly. Luckily the neighbour said yes, like they say, all's well that ends well.</p>

QUESTION TWO

Complete the table below with details from the passage.

	What is the problem?	What is the solution?
Anna	<p style="text-align: center;">B I U ☰ ☷ ↶ ↷ ⌚</p> <p>She is in the city and needs to go to the bathroom, but she can't find any toilets. She thought that it wasn't so urgent, but after an hour she still hadn't found any. By then, it was very urgent. She's a stranger in this city and doesn't know why she can't find any bathrooms.</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">B I U ☰ ☷ ↶ ↷ ⌚</p> <p>She goes into a store and politely asks if they have a bathroom. The woman in the store apologises and tells her they don't have any, but tells her to try Cafe Klaus for a bathroom. She gives Anna directions to the cafe - leave the shop and turn left, and the cafe is on the corner. Anna thanks the woman and leaves.</p>
Johann	<p style="text-align: center;">B I U ☰ ☷ ↶ ↷ ⌚</p> <p>Yesterday morning, Johann realised that his car was broken and he couldn't start it, possibly because the battery was dead. He needed his car because he drives straight from school to his job in the city. Also, he had an important exam at 9 am and needed to make sure he was there. He plans to go to uni next year and needs to get good marks this year in order to achieve that. Therefore, he needs to get to school quickly.</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">B I U ☰ ☷ ↶ ↷ ⌚</p> <p>Suddenly, Johann had a good idea - maybe he could get a ride with his neighbour. He knew that the neighbour usually leaves at about that time for work, and maybe Johann could come with him. He quickly called his neighbour asking for a ride. Luckily, the neighbour said yes. Like they say, Johann says, all's well that ends well.</p>

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THIRD PASSAGE: *Drei Tage im Leben von Max* (Three days in Max's life)

Listen to Max's voice message to his friend. Refer to the passage in your answer to Question Three.

Glossed vocabulary

sauer	angry
überleben	to survive
vorbei	past

AUDIO PLAYER: Third Passage

Read the question before you begin listening to the passage.

Each section can be played ONCE only, and cannot be paused or stopped.

FIRST READING

Full passage
2m 37s Played

SECOND READING

Section 1
Played

Section 2
Played

Section 3
Played

THIRD READING

Section 1
Played

Section 2
Played

Section 3
1m 11s Played

FOURTH READING

Section 1
42s Played

Section 2
46s Played

Section 3
1m 11s Played

LISTENING NOTES

His mother told him that he has to live for three days without his smartphone

Because on Saturday night he went to a party with his girlfriend and didn't get home until 2 am, his parents were very angry with him

He doesn't know how to live without his smartphone, he needs it every day, all the time, as soon as he gets up, at the table, when he eats, in the bathroom, at school, he has his phone on him all the time

He needs it to stay in touch with his friends, especially his girlfriend

He doesn't know when the last time he went even just one day without his phone - no WhatsApp, no liked songs on Spotify, no Instagram

Now that the three days are finally over, he had lots of time to think about it. His life was so boring and he felt a bit sad and alone. He finally has his smartphone back in his hand - or does his smartphone have him?

QUESTION THREE

(a) What led to the change in Max's life?

B I U

Max is in trouble, because on Saturday night, he went to a party with his girlfriend and didn't come home until 2 am. His parents were very angry with him about this, and as a result his mother told him that he is going to have to live for three days without his smartphone.

(b) Why does Max find this so difficult?

B I U

Max finds this extremely difficult because he doesn't know how to survive without his smartphone because he needs it every day. He has his phone on him all the time - as soon as he gets up, at the table, when he eats, in the bathroom, at school. He carries his phone all the time. He needs it to stay in touch with his friends, and especially his girlfriend. He doesn't know when the last time was that he went even just one day without using his phone. He's horrified at the thought of going three days with no WhatsApp, no liked songs on Spotify, and no Instagram.

(c) How does he feel afterwards?

B I U

After the three days without his phone are finally over, Max feels that he has had a lot of time to think about it. Over the three days, his life was so boring and he felt a bit sad and alone, due to not being able to stay in touch with his friends and girlfriend. He's happy to have his smartphone back in his hand - or, he says, does his smartphone have him in its hand?

Excellence

Subject: German

Standard: 91971

Total score: 22

Q	Grade score	Marker commentary
One	E7	Excellent detailed response, but with a little confusion around the benefits of being in a bigger city when trying to improve your German. A negative aspect is that if you try to ask a question in German in a bigger city, it is likely that the response will be in English. Residents in bigger cities are used to interacting with many international tourists, so they are generally better at English. Consequently, this is helpful if your German is limited, but not helpful if you want to practise speaking German.
Two	E8	This response demonstrates a detailed and accurate understanding.
Three	E7	Excellent response, but the expression “does the smartphone have him in his hand” needs explanation and some reference to Max feeling he might be addicted to his smartphone.