

How to support your son/ daughter in their remote language learning

- Please encourage your son/ daughter to complete the work on the day set and try to give them some time and space to do this, where possible.
 - Work will be set on **Epraise** on the day of the language lesson and should last between 40 and 60 minutes, depending upon the year group. Any attachments will be in a PDF format and should not need printing.
 - If students are asked to send in work, the best format is a word document sent via email to their teacher. Sometimes students may be sent a word document via email (such as an assessment) so that they can work on it as a live document and then email it back to their teacher for marking.
 - Some work will also be duplicated on **Microsoft Teams** as assignments alongside Epraise. Teams allow files to be accessed in any format which is sometimes an advantage and some students find Teams useful also to message their teacher any questions they have. Teachers can also be contacted by email with any queries about work.
 - Please remind your son/ daughter to tick work as done on Epraise so that their teacher knows it has been completed. For *GCSE* groups in particular, it is vital that all work is attempted as we are continuing with the *GCSE* specification and some key work will have to be caught up on our return to school.
 - Class work may refer to pages in a text book if students have their own copy or they may be sent as a PDF document to view on Epraise. Students may also be directed to access the online version of the text book on **Active Learn**. This electronic version of the book has been made available to students for free during this period of remote teaching. Signing in instructions will be provided.
 - There are other free online websites which teachers may direct students towards to view or work on.
1. **BBC Bitesize** which has lots of videos, quizzes and other tasks which are fun and not too difficult. <https://www.bbc.co.uk/bitesize> has lots of new videos and quizzes which are fun and not difficult.
**BBC Bitesize has also just announced a new series of daily lessons starting Monday 20th April across all subjects and levels with a new TV channel, podcasts, videos, and lessons each day online. BBC Iplayer and the red button on the television will be hosting these new daily lessons. Teachers may ask you to watch or do something on BBC bitesize if appropriate.
 2. **Seneca**. <https://www.senecalearning.com/> This website is familiar to many students in their science learning but there are resources for many other subjects, including languages. Your teacher may set you work on this website and for the first time will give you a specific code to type in and join the class. The assignments can be set to your class area on Seneca but if this is the case, it will be indicated on Epraise.
 3. **Language learning apps**
These are a great to expand their vocabulary. They are generally free and easy to download on a phone, Ipad, tablet, laptop or computer. 10 minutes a day to learn 10 new words in a game format will help every language learner. Teachers may decide to set

some remote work on **memrise** as this app is already used regularly and successfully by our GCSE students.

The best three language apps are listed below:

memrise <https://www.memrise.com/courses/english/>

You do not need to subscribe, anyone can sign up and start. Students may already be in a class group at KS4. If this is the case, teachers will have pre-loaded specific vocab to look at (called courses) to support their GCSE or A level studies

quizlet <https://quizlet.com/en-gb>

A language learning website where you can create your own vocab lists to play games with and store for your future use OR you can simple select from the literally hundreds of vocab lists already created by topic area or other language criteria.

duolingo <https://www.duolingo.com/>

A popular vocab learning site, especially for beginners

Finally, below are some fun ways to supplement language learning, please show them to your son/ daughter and hopefully they will help pass some time at home in an enjoyable and educational way.

Listen to music

Listening to any music in the language you are studying is great for pronunciation and the lyrics can help expand your vocab in an enjoyable way. You can email your teacher for recommendations and/or google top singers/ bands in the country and even specify a music genre. If you find an artist/ band you like, you may then want to use www.google.fr or www.google.de to find more songs. Make up your own playlist and listen away this summer!

Search Netflix for any French or German films and series.

Netflix has an excellent international offer and there have been some really good German and French series and films on over the last few years. Simply search under German or French (or International genre if on Apple TV) and see what is about. Currently Dark is a great (if a bit weird) German series

Switch your mobile phone/Ipod settings to another language.

This simple change is very easy to do and will introduce you to new vocabulary.

We hope that this information is helpful, if you have any questions about this guidance or any aspect of their language learning, then please email the class teacher or myself at the address below.

Hopefully we will be teaching again very soon face to face, but until then thank you for any support you are giving to help your son/ daughter's language learning.

Thank you from the MFL teaching team.

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