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Oxford German Olympiad 2025: Tasks and Guidelines Spiel und Sport

Note that the closing date for submissions is 12 noon, Thursday, 6 March 2025

Entries should be submitted via the online form at https://www.mod-langs.ox.ac.uk/mml_apps/community/public/form?id=ogn-olympiad-2025. 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 information and literature on our Olympiad pages for ideas and inspiration! Just follow this link: www.ogn.ox.ac.uk/content/oxford-german-olympiad-2025/inspirationpage

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", 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 his fellow group members about any communications from the Oxford German Network, e.g. about results, invitation to the prizегiving, 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. Draw a map for a <i>Schatzsuche</i> (treasure hunt) and label the locations and things that are hidden there. (at least 15 labels, 1 side of A4).
2. Invent a <i>Spielzeug</i> (toy) you would enjoy playing with and draw it, labelling its parts. (at least 12 labels, 1 side of A4).
3. Draw a comic strip of a <i>Sportfest</i> (sports day) with at least 20 words. (1 side of A4).
Years 7 to 9 (age 11-14)
1. Create a new <i>Brettspiel</i> (board game) for four players and explain how to play it, in writing or in a video. (100-200 words or max. 4 minutes).
2. Pick your favourite sportsperson and create a comic strip about their life or a special event in their life. (100-200 words, 1-3 sides of A4).
3. Write an essay on the topic "Meine Lieblingsrolle" about a theatre or film part you have actually played or imagine playing. (100-200 words, 1-3 sides of A4).
Years 10 and 11 (age 14-16)
1. Develop a proposal in German for a video game, presenting it with drawings, photos or in video format. (max. 4 minutes or 200-250 words).
2. Design a set of word puzzles to test your friends on their German vocabulary (e.g. crossword, word search). (2-3 sides of A4, 200 words).
3. Write profiles of two inspiring athletes at the Olympic Games in Paris, one of whom competed in the Olympics and one in the Paralympics (200-250 words).
Years 12 and 13 (age 16-18)
1. Write a proposal for a new sport to be included in the Olympic Games. (300-400 words).
2. "E-Sport oder echter Sport?" Create a conference poster with keynote papers, workshops and activities. (300-400 words).
3. Research the history of the 'Violin of the Shoah' or another historic instrument and tell the story of who played it, where, and when, from the perspective of the instrument. (300-400 words).
Open Competition for Groups (2-4 participants)
1. Make a video of yourselves playing a piece of music and explain what is special about it and why you enjoy playing together. (max. 4 minutes).
2. Make a video of yourselves demonstrating your favourite sport and explaining its rules to an alien. <i>OR</i> Invent a new sport with its own rules, equipment and how to score points, and present it in a video. (max. 4 minutes).
3. Create a concept for a game show, including rules, rounds and prizes, and present it as a brochure or a video. (max. 4 minutes or 200-300 words).
Discover German - Taster Competition (individual participants with no prior experience of studying German):
1. Years 5 and 6 (ages 9-11): Draw a picture of the best ever <i>Spieltruhe</i> (play-chest) filled with all your favourite games, and label them. (at least 12 labels).
2. Years 7 to 9 (ages 11-14): Create a <i>Wortsuche</i> (word search) or <i>Kreuzworträtsel</i> (crossword) with at least 10 German words for different sports OR different musical instruments. (must include 10 German words, crossword clues may be in English).

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| <p>3. Years 10 and 11 (ages 14-16): Design a brochure for a board game café, where people can come together to play games. (at least 15 German words, max. 2 sides of A4).</p> |
| <p>4. Years 12 and 13 (ages 16-18): Create two spider diagrams for words formed from the nouns '<i>Spiel</i>' and '<i>Sport</i>' (equivalent to e.g. sport – sporty, sportsday), providing a translation in brackets under each word. (1 side of A4 for each).</p> |



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 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
Parent/Guardian's Name	
Parent/Guardian's telephone number	
Parent/Guardian's email address	
<p>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.</p> <p>I have read the above details. I understand them and I consent:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • that my child's data be held securely by the Faculty of Medieval and Modern Languages for the purpose of the Olympiad <input type="checkbox"/> • 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 <input type="checkbox"/> • 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 <input type="checkbox"/> 	
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.