

The Text Production part of the State Exam

In your written English language State Exam, you take the translation and text production papers at the same time.

Vertieft (Gymnasium)	Unterrichtsfach (Grund-/Haupt-/Realschule)
Time: 5 hours for TP and Übersetzung Number of tasks in the TP section: 2 Total number of words written in the TP exam: 700	Time: 4 hours for TP and Übersetzung Number of tasks in the TP section: 2 Total number of words written in the TP exam: 600

The two tasks will be based on two different aspects of the same general topic. You are not given a choice of tasks in the exam.

- You will be assessed on **task fulfilment (including length), coherence, linguistic range, stylistic appropriateness, register and accuracy.**
- You will be asked to indicate the approximate number of words you have written. Note that 10% plus or minus is acceptable. Any more or less than this will be penalised.
- The tasks will each be based on a specific aspect of one general subject, which will be one of the following:

political systems
leisure
environment
culture

international/European relations
education
people, families, communities
religion

the working world
science/technology
communication

- All the tasks in the exam should specify an authentic audience, text type and communicative purpose.
- The types of task that you will have to write will be any two of the following:
 - essay
 - magazine/newspaper article
 - comment
 - formal letter
 - semi-formal/informal letter
 - email
 - letter to a newspaper editor
 - summary

The courses we offer to help prepare students for this exam are:

1. Text Production 3

This course aims to:

- broaden students' vocabulary on certain possible exam topics
- revise task types from Writing 1 and 2
- allow students to practise writing a variety of tasks under exam conditions

2. Vocab-building for Staatsexamen

This course encourages students to:

- activate their passive vocabulary
- learn new vocabulary

by exposing them to a range of vocabulary and expressions relating to a variety of topics and by allowing them to practise using the words and phrases they have acquired.

3. Grammar Revision for State Exam Candidates

A self-study course on the main grammar topics in English with explanations, exercises and answers. Students should work through the materials made available each week on Wuecampus in their own time and check the answers to the exercises themselves. If they have any questions, students can contact Martyn Ford via email to arrange a time to meet to discuss any problems individually.

4. Text Production 4

An intensive block course held in the final few weeks before the exam takes place which is intended to provide students with further practice in writing text production tasks under exam condition and to help them overcome any remaining difficulties they may have in writing in English by focusing on their individual needs. Students are recommended to attend Text Production 3 before taking this course.