

THE A1 AND A2 EXAMS GOETHE-INSTITUT LONDON



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WHAT ARE THE A1 AND A2 EXAMS?

- The Goethe-Zertifikat Fit A1 and Fit A2 are part of the Common European Framework of Reference for Languages (CEFR is an international scale used to describe language levels)
- They are internationally recognized German language qualifications
- These exams are designed for young learners aged 10-16 and assess their basic German skills in real-life contexts
- **Fit A1:** first steps! The exam focuses on very simple communication (e.g. introducing oneself, asking simple questions)
- **Fit A2:** more independence! The exam builds on the Fit A1 with slightly more complex language (e.g. describing daily routines, expressing preferences).
- Both exams test four skills: listening, writing, reading and speaking



WHAT HAPPENS ON THE DAY?

- The examination itself is carefully structured and child-friendly
- Typically, the day includes:
 - Arrival and registration
 - The written exam (listening, reading, and writing) takes around 60 minutes for Fit A1 and 90 minutes for the Fit A2
 - A short break
 - Then, the speaking exam takes 15 minutes for both Fit A1 and Fit A2. Fit A1 takes place in groups of 6 and Fit A2 in pairs of 2
 - The examiners are experienced in working with children and they are guided step by step



HOW CAN CHILDREN PREPARE FOR THE EXAM?

- Practice material is available on the website of the Goethe-Institut
- Our online library also has practice material available
- Teachers are familiar with the structure of the exam and can familiarize students to the type of questions – no additional tutoring required
- Speaking section should be practiced in class to build confidence
- Regular exposure to German (songs, short videos, reading) is always helpful



SUPPORT FOR CHILDREN WITH SEND

- The Goethe-Institut is committed to offering fair and inclusive testing conditions and we want every child to be able to show what they can do
- For children with SEND, we offer access arrangements, including:
 - Extra time
 - Modified materials (e.g. larger print)
 - Separate room for those who might benefit from a quieter environment
- To arrange this, we ask to inform us well in advance (6 weeks) and provide documentation (e.g. specialist report) and you can contact german-uk@goethe.de for more advice

