Oxford German Olympiad 2024: Tasks and Guidelines
Kafkaesque Kreatures

Note that the closing date for submissions is 12 noon, Thursday, 7 March 2024

Entries should be submitted via the online form at https://www.mod-langs.ox.ac.uk/mml_apps/community/public/form?id=ogn-olympiad-2024. 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-2024/inspirationpage

!!!!!!!!!! NEW: **Teachers** who would like to enter a number of student entries in bulk please contact olympiad@mod-langs.ox.ac.uk for instructions.

Please read the following guidelines <u>carefully</u> 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.

3. All text included in the entries should be in **<u>German</u> except where stated in the task instructions**.

4. 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.

5. 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.

6. Entrants may only take part in one task within their age group as INDIVIDUAL entrants.

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. 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 prizegiving, etc.

8. Unless specified otherwise, entries should be submitted in one of the following formats only:
* Microsoft Word document
* PDF
* JPEG
Files must be named in the following way:
CompetitorSurnameCompetitorInitialOGO2024 (e.g. BloggsJOGO2024).

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 will be 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 <u>one</u> 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. Paint or draw a picture of an imaginary pet OR a scary monster, labelling 12 parts. (1 side of A4).
2. Draw a picture of part of your home from the perspective of an insect living there. Give your drawing a title indicating what creature it is and label 12 things it sees. (1 side of A4).
3. Draw a picture of a wildlife sanctuary and label the animals. (1 side of A4).

Years 7 to 9 (age 11-14)
1. Write about a day in your life as a *Käfer, Affe, Maulwurf, Maus* or *Fisch* and illustrate it. (100-200 words, 1-2 sides of A4).
2. Write an essay or create a video presentation on the topic "Wie kommunizieren Tiere/Vögel/Insekten?" You may focus on just one species or type of creature. (100-200 words or max. 4 minutes).
3. Create a comic strip of an animal, bird, insect or fish having an unexpected adventure. (100-200 words, 1-3 sides of A4).

Years 10 and 11 (age 14-16)
1. Write a story about an event or adventure that brings together a human and an animal and tell it in a comic strip. (200-250 words).
2. Design a brochure for a study trip focused on the conservation of a particular species of animal. (200-250 words).
3. Make a video entitled "Mein Odradek" showing and explaining how to make an imaginary animal or insect out of materials of your choice and showing how your Odradek moves about. (max. 4 minutes).

Years 12 and 13 (age 16-18)
1. Write a story from the perspective of a non-human creature, leaving your reader to work out what kind of creature it is. (300-400 words).
2. Read the ape Rotpeter's account of his capture (probably around 1910) in Kafka's story *Bericht für eine Akademie* and write an essay or story, or create a video presentation, on the topic "Affe und Mensch". You may focus this on any angle you wish, e.g. historical, biological, Darwinism, communication practices, conservation, a surreal event**. (300-400 words or max. 4 minutes).
3. "Allesfresser, vegetarische oder vegane Ernährung?" Plan a conference on this topic for 16-18 year olds including the advertisement and programme with keynote lectures and topics for roundtable discussion sessions. (300-400 words).

Open Competition for Groups (2-4 participants)
1. Kafka's story Die Verwandlung starts with the travelling salesman Gregor waking up one morning to find that he's turned into a beetle. Create a video sketch featuring a transformation of one or more participants from human to non-human. (max. 4 minutes).
2. Design a board game which includes several different non-human creatures and at least 200 words (these can be the game instructions or be part of activity cards etc.).
3. Create a graphic novel featuring one or more non-human creatures and an unexpected plot twist**. (must include 200-250 words).

Discover German - Taster Competition (individual participants with no prior experience of studying German):
1. **Years 5 and 6 (ages 9-11):** Draw 15 non-human creatures and label them in German.

2. **Years 7 to 9 (ages 11-14):** Create a poster with the heading "Schützt diese Tiere, Vögel und Insekten!" and show animals, birds and insects that need protecting, labelling each one in German. (must include 15 words)

3. **Years 10 and 11 (ages 14-16):** Create a crossword puzzle with English clues for around 15 German verbs that describe an animal acivity, e.g. 'miaow'. (max. 2 sides of A4).

4. **Years 12 and 13 (ages 16-18):** Create five spider diagrams for word families each built round a noun designating an animal (e.g. Hund - hündisch - Hundefutter, ...) (max. 2 sides of A4).

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:
....
- The entrants in the group have been learning German for.............. to ....years.

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	

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.

I have read the above details. I understand them and I consent:

- that my child's data be held securely by the Faculty of Medieval and Modern Languages for the purpose of the Olympiad   □
- 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   □
- 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   □

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.