

GCSE Writing Checklist

Make sure that you include the following in your work:

	Tick
Present tense	
Past tense	
Future tense	
Opinions	
Justification of opinions (weil, denn...)	
Time phrases	
Connectives	
Your own vocabulary, not just what the teacher has given you	

If you are aiming for top grades, think about including these:

The conditional tense	
Two different past tenses	
Comparisons	
Superlatives	
Modal Verbs	
Talk about other people, not just 'ich'	
A variety of subordinating conjunctions (dass, obwohl, während, weil..., which send the verb to the end)	
Do you explain and narrate your ideas, not just state them?	

Before you submit your work:

- Have you fulfilled the criteria set in the task?
- Is everything you have included relevant to the task?
- Does the number of words in your piece fit within the criteria?
- Have you used a dictionary to check your spellings, including accents?
- Have you used verbs correctly? Are they in the correct tense? Do they have correct endings?
- Have all of your nouns got capital letters? Have you checked what gender your nouns are?
- Have you checked your word order? (Verb must be second idea, past participles at end...)
- Do your adjectives agree?
- Is your vocabulary varied? Have you used the same word many times? Can you find an alternative?
- Have you included plenty of opinions throughout your work? Have you said why you do/don't like something? Have you used opinions in different tenses? (Es ist..., Es war...)