



German resources for prospective applicants

LinguaTute (www.linguatute.com):

- Private language and/or literature tutoring with tutors who have studied at Oxford or Cambridge.
- Oxbridge admissions support for language applicants – personal statement support, MLAT (admissions test) preparation, and mock interviews.
- Blog with language-themed articles.
- **FREE 30-minute trial lesson** with any one of our Oxbridge-educated language tutors!

Websites

- www.mml.cam.ac.uk/german/resources/online - a long list of very useful online German resources
- www.spiegel.de – news

Podcasts and radio

- University of Oxford Podcasts:
 - ‘**Faculty of Medieval and Modern Languages**’ – a series on various foreign literatures (French, German, Italian, Spanish, Brazilian Portuguese)
 - ‘**Linguamania**’ – general discussions of language
 - ‘**Medieval German Studies**’
 - ‘**A Writer’s War**’ – discussions on the First World War and the writing it produced.
 - ‘**Reformation 2017**’ – highlights some of the events connected with the activities around the 500th anniversary of the publication of Martin Luther’s 95 theses in 1517
- **Tagesschau**, a news show from the German broadcaster ARD. They constantly upload new videos on youtube about German and international news
- Wort der Woche (word of the week) - each episode is just a minute long and showcases a word in context

Films

- *Goodbye, Lenin!* – Wolfgang Becker
- *Das Leben der Anderen* – Florian Henckel von Donnersmarck
- *Sophie Scholl: Die letzten Tage* – Marc Rothemund

Linguistics

- *The Wonders Of Language Or How To Make Noises and Influence People*, Ian Roberts (2017) – one of the most accessible and well-written introductions to the study of linguistics (useful for learning linguistics terminology and beginning the study of linguistics by yourself).
- *Language: The Basics*, R. L. Trask (1999) – an accessible overview of language study and linguistics, both theoretical and practical (more of a general introduction to the questions raised in language study – e.g. how language works in the brain, why languages change, child language acquisition, etc.)



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Suggested Reading

- Franz Kafka - *Die Verwandlung*
- Friedrich Dürrenmatt - *Der Besuch der alten Dame*
- Bernhard Schlink - *Der Vorleser*.
- Astrid Stedje - *Deutsche Sprache gestern und heute* (an introduction to the history of the German language)
- *A Very Short Introduction to German Literature* – nice if you just want to have heard of important authors and have some idea about when they were writing
- *Eure Heimat ist unser Albtraum/Your Homeland is our nightmare* - a collection of antifascist essays

Great general language books

- *Is That a Fish in Your Ear?* – David Bellos
- *Through The Looking Glass* – Guy Deutscher
- *The Language Lover's Puzzle Book* – Alex Bellos. The puzzles in this book are similar to the language aptitude test and extremely fun for those who enjoy linguistic puzzles!
- *The Etymologicon* - Mark Forsyth. Engaging and funny introduction to etymology (history of words)
- *Mother Tongue* - Bill Bryson. Great introduction to the history of the English language and linguistics.

Additional useful language resources

- **The Queen's College Translation Exchange** – hosts a multitude of events about translation and languages, including the **Anthea Bell Prize for Young Translators** (takes places in Spring).
- **Creative Multilingualism** – Oxford-founded resource for linguists (the project has now ended but there is still lots of good info on the website!)
- **Oxford MFL blog** – Adventures on the bookshelf – organises a virtual book club.
<https://bookshelf.mml.ox.ac.uk/>
- Reading group for Year 12 and 13 students
<https://www.cai.cam.ac.uk/access-outreach/resources-and-events/year-1213-reading-groups>
- **Oxford Comparative Criticism and Translation** (<https://occt.web.ox.ac.uk/>)– hosts events and discussion groups on translation
- **Babel: The Language Magazine** – produces four issues annually on new linguistic research; the past, present and future of languages, and on the different uses of linguistics in the world.
- **UK Linguistics Olympiad** (UKLO.org) – competition for budding linguists to demonstrate their language skills (quite similar to the language aptitude test). The website also has lots of useful language resources and links!