

Directions for students

Digital stimulus

All students must observe the instructions in the [Directions for students: External assessment](#), school rules, and the rules of any other external assessment venue you attend.

Your main learning provider (MLP) will advise you whether you will be accessing digital stimulus using the USB method or alternatively, using the fileShare method. Your MLP will also advise you whether you will be required to bring your own device or use a school-owned device for your assessment.

Student device technical requirements

If you are bringing your own device, it must be a laptop or tablet (either fully charged or attached to a power source). Mobile phones are **not** permitted.

Your device **must have**:

- a USB 2.0 or 3.0 type-A port or an adaptor (if you are using a USB flash drive)
- a third-party program installed that can decrypt AES-encrypted ZIP files (please ask the external assessment coordinator for advice)
- a headphone jack/extra USB port or adaptor to plug in wired headphones
- the latest version of a media player, that supports MP3 and MP4 files, installed
- either flight mode enabled **or** wi-fi, mobile data, network connections and bluetooth disabled
- the task bar locked and visible on the screen (if applicable)
- the SIM card removed (if applicable).

Your device **may have** a mouse. (This is optional.)

In addition, your device **must**:

- be made available for use during the digital rehearsal
- successfully decrypt and play a digital stimulus sample file in the rehearsal.

Note: If the battery power of your device goes below 15%, or if you have trouble decrypting or playing the digital stimulus file, signal the supervisor by raising your hand and waiting quietly.

Maintaining academic integrity

During the assessment, the folder containing the stimulus file/s and the media player are the only programs, applications or tools permitted to be open on student devices.

Supervisors will be monitoring screens and reporting any activity that may be unauthorised.

Unauthorised activity includes:

- typing
- hiding the screen
- having multiple tabs open
- having a hidden task bar
- downloading or copying digital stimulus file/s onto the device unless directed by the supervisor

- screen sharing
- running screen recording/audio recording programs
- having the camera switched on
- taking screenshots
- using dictionaries, translators or keyboards configured to foreign language characters
- having other files/programs/applications/tools open or running in the background
- having wi-fi, mobile data, network access or bluetooth enabled (unless directed by the supervisor)
- keeping copies of the stimulus file/s (any files transferred during the extraction process must be deleted before you leave the assessment room).

Note: This list is not exhaustive.

Students using the USB method

If you are using the USB method:

- ensure your device meets the technical requirements listed on p. 1 of this document
- follow directions from your supervisor and the *Student instructions and password (SIP)* document that will be supplied
- extract the stimulus file/s to the USB flash drive and **not** to a location on the device
- open and play the stimulus file/s directly from the USB flash drive
- **do not** save a copy of any file from the USB flash drive to your device. If this occurs by mistake, delete the file immediately and verify this with the supervisor
- leave the USB flash drive and the SIP document on your desk to be collected by the supervisor before you leave the assessment room.

Students using the fileShare method

If you are using the fileShare method:

- ensure your device meets the technical requirements listed on p. 1 of this document
- follow directions from your supervisor
- when directed, access the shared location for the stimulus file/s. Check that the stimulus file/s names match the assessment
- save the stimulus file/s to a location on your device so they can be played once flight mode has been enabled
- notify a supervisor if the stimulus file/s have not downloaded or copied to your device after a few minutes
- **enable** flight mode OR **disable** wi-fi, mobile data, network and bluetooth after you have downloaded or copied the stimulus file/s
- open and play stimulus file/s from your device
- **delete** copies of the stimulus file/s transferred during the extraction process before leaving the assessment room. This will be checked by a supervisor before you leave the assessment room.

Sample *Student instructions and password (SIP)*: USB method only

German: External assessment digital stimulus

Student instructions and password

Password

You will be prompted to enter this password in the file extraction process.

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Guide to accessing digital stimulus files

1: Insert USB

Check that the provided USB is labelled **GERMAN - 2026**. Insert the USB into your device and open the USB drive. It should contain a ZIP file named **2026 German Stimulus.zip**.

2: Open ZIP file and enter password

Right click the file and select the prescribed third-party decryption program installed on your device. A sub-menu will appear, or the program will open. Click **Extract / Extract all**. You will be instructed to select a destination to save the file to. Click on the **Browse** button and select the same location the ZIP file is saved (back onto the USB). Click **Extract**. Enter the password at the top of this page.

Do not save the file onto your device.

Note: If your instructions differ to those above, use the method that worked in the rehearsal. If you experience any difficulties, seek help from a supervisor immediately.

3: Play the file

Open the folder named **2026 German Stimulus** saved on the USB. It will contain a file named:

- **2026 German Stimulus x**

This is the digital stimulus file you will use for your external assessment today. If the file name does not match the one listed above, notify a supervisor immediately.

On instruction from your supervisor, play this file for three seconds to test that it works.

4: After the assessment

Safely eject the USB from your device.

Return the USB and this document to the supervisor.



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