



### Introduction

This 30-minute formative assessment is designed to evaluate students' understanding of basic German vocabulary related to the environment, their ability to identify common environmental issues in German-speaking countries, and their capacity to express simple opinions on environmental topics in German.

### Section 1: Multiple Choice Questions

Choose the correct answer for each question.

- What is the German word for "environment"?
  - Umwelt
  - Natur
  - Klima
  - Ökologie
- Which of the following is a common environmental issue in Germany?
  - Deforestation
  - Water pollution
  - Climate change
  - All of the above
- What is the name of the German organization responsible for protecting the environment?
  - Bundesamt für Umwelt
  - Deutscher Naturschutzring
  - Umweltbundesamt
  - Ökologischer Bund

### Section 2: Short Answer Questions

Answer each question in complete sentences.

- Describe a common environmental issue in a German-speaking country. (5 points)
- What can individuals do to reduce their carbon footprint? (5 points)
- Explain the importance of recycling in Germany. (10 points)

### Section 3: Matching Questions

Match the German vocabulary words with their English translations.

- Umwelt -
  - Environment
  - Nature
  - Climate
  - Ecology
- Klimawandel -
  - Climate change
  - Global warming
  - Environmental protection
  - Conservation
- Abfall -
  - Waste
  - Pollution
  - Recycling
  - Conservation

### Section 4: Activities

Complete the following activities to demonstrate your understanding of environmental issues in German-speaking countries.

1. Create a poster about a common environmental issue in Germany. (10 points)

[Space for poster]

2. Write a short paragraph about the importance of protecting the environment in German. (10 points)

#### Section 5: Reflection

Reflect on your learning and set goals for future assessments.

1. What did you learn about environmental issues in German-speaking countries?
2. What challenges did you face during this assessment?
3. What goals do you have for improving your understanding of environmental issues in German?

#### Answer Key

Multiple Choice Questions:

1. a1.) Umwelt
2. 2. d) All of the above
3. 3. c) Umweltbundesamt

#### Short Answer Questions:

Answers will vary, but should demonstrate an understanding of environmental issues in German-speaking countries.

Matching Questions:

1. 1. a) Environment
2. 2. a) Climate change
3. 3. a) Waste

#### Marking Guide

Multiple Choice Questions: 1 point for each correct answer

Short Answer Questions:

\* Question 1: 5 points for a clear and concise description of a common environmental issue in a German-speaking country

\* Question 2: 5 points for a list of at least 3 ways individuals can reduce their carbon footprint

\* Question 3: 10 points for a well-structured and informative explanation of the importance of recycling in Germany

Matching Questions: 1 point for each correct match

Activities: 10 points for each activity

Reflection: 10 points for a thoughtful reflection on learning and goals for future assessments

#### Implementation Guidelines

This assessment should be administered in a 30-minute class period. Students should be given a copy of the assessment questions and tasks, and they should be expected to complete all questions to the best of their ability. Teachers should ensure that students have access to a dictionary or other resources if needed.

#### Differentiation Options

To accommodate diverse learners, teachers can provide the following modifications:

\* For students with learning difficulties: provide a word bank or glossary of key vocabulary words, offer extra time to complete the assessment

\* For English language learners: provide a bilingual dictionary or glossary, offer extra support with reading comprehension

\* For gifted students: provide additional challenging questions or tasks, encourage students to create their own environmental project or presentation