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- ✓ practising reading and listening tasks on the VLE to support development of skills and or using the CGP revision guides and practice workbooks (available on Amazon).
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Things to do for fun which actually really boosts learning!

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- ✓ follow a recipe in German (see how it turns out!!)
- ✓ check your favourite social media - there are plenty of famous German influencers on TikTok & Instagram
- ✓ listen to German music
- ✓ read the news in German if you're interested in it
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- ✓ look for competitions online
- ✓ mentor a younger student who needs support with their language learning
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