



Unit 8 — The Abitur Comprehension Task

Track E · Klasse 13 · Niveau E (Basisfach / Leistungsfach) · Abitur year

Learning objectives

- *I can answer a 60-minute Abitur Comprehension task (~24 BE) on a 1,000-1,200-word source.*
- *I can produce concise own-words paraphrase, embedded fragments, and structural sub-answers.*
- *I can manage the time across 3-5 sub-questions of varying BE-weight.*

Lead-in

Second of three Abitur-prep Units. Today's focus: the Comprehension task — the section that students most often over-spend on at the expense of later sections. 60 minutes. Three sub-questions of varying BE-weight. Submit. Debrief against Bewertungsraster (grading grid).

Key points

- **Own words:** paraphrase, don't quote whole sentences.
- **Embedded fragments:** integrate 3-5 word fragments inside your sentence.
- **Structural sub-answers:** match the structure of the question (*compare* answers compare; *outline* answers outline).

Practise

- Match: state → own words; explain → reason; compare → both elements + relation.
- T or F: full quotes are rewarded in Comprehension; embedded fragments are rewarded in Comprehension; sub-questions of higher BE deserve more time.
- Build a 4-sentence answer to a 10-BE *explain* question on a 1,000-word source.

Your turn

Abitur Comprehension rehearsal, 60 minutes. 1,000-word source + three sub-questions (5 / 10 / 9 BE). Submit. Debrief against Bewertungsraster.

Reflect

- I can answer a 60-minute Abitur Comprehension task across 3 sub-questions of varying BE.
- I can produce own-words paraphrase + embedded fragments.
- I can manage time proportionally to BE-weight.