

A Parent/Carer's Guide to SentenceBuilders.com

A guide to helping your child with his German/Spanish home learning.

1. What is SentenceBuilders.com? <https://www.sentencebuilders.com/>

SentenceBuilders.com is designed around the idea that students learn language more effectively when they repeatedly work with useful words and chunks inside meaningful sentence patterns. Students can click items in a SentenceBuilder to build sentences, hear language through text-to-speech, and then practise the same material through different activities.

2. How we use it in school and at home to create expert linguists.

1. Log in: Your son will be given his username and password by his German/Spanish teacher, and he will also have it written in his planner. Please note that it is different from the log in for school. It is useful to ensure that it is autosaved.

2. Start with the SentenceBuilder: The table contains the words and phrases your child is expected to know. This can be found in the grey box on the top left of the screen and is the same work as he will have been doing in class.

4. Click and listen: Clicking on language items can help the student hear the target language through text-to-speech where this function is supported.

5. Complete the assignment: Students are expected to do all the questions and achieve a minimum of 70% pass rate. The assignment can be completed up to three times to achieve this.

3. How parents can help without becoming the teacher.

- Ask your child to explain the topic to you rather than simply asking them to translate everything.
- Ask your child to make a new sentence using phrases from the table.
- Encourage listening and speaking, not just typing.
- If an answer is wrong, ask your child to look at the Help box and the SentenceBuilder before you give a correction.