

Assessment Criteria for Language Courses

Listening Comprehension

In the language courses at the Language Centre, *selective listening comprehension* is mainly assessed. *Selective listening comprehension* is the recording of details such as, for example, the capture of individual statements or specific information.

very good to good understanding
adequate understanding
insufficient understanding

Reading Comprehension

In language courses, selective or global *reading comprehension* is assessed. *Selective reading comprehension* is the recording of details such as, for example, the capture of individual statements or specific information. *Global reading comprehension* refers to the capture of the context.

very good to good understanding
adequate understanding
insufficient understanding

Writing

Productive skills are required in the area of *writing* in language courses, as well as global and detailed understanding.

1. Task Fulfilment

text length achieved; thematic guidelines largely taken into account
text length partially achieved (plus/minus 10 per cent); thematic guidelines sufficiently taken into account
text length not achieved and/or thematic guidelines insufficiently taken into account

2. Structure

logical structure mostly provided; clearly outlined
logical structure not always provided, but understanding sufficient; sufficiently outlined
inconsistent and contradictory structure; insufficiently outlined



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3. Lexis

register mostly appropriate, appropriate to the written task; mostly appropriate and varied use of vocabulary

register at times inappropriate not always appropriate to the written task; use of vocabulary at times inappropriate, some word repetition

register mostly inappropriate, not appropriate to the written task; use of vocabulary mostly inappropriate

4. Accuracy

largely achieved

sufficiently achieved

not sufficiently achieved

Speaking

In the language courses offered at the Language Centre, productive skills within the context of *conversations* are assessed (not in the sense of a *monologue*). This means that the oral examination takes the form of dialogues (between course participants and instructor or between participants).

1. Task Fulfilment

thematic guidelines largely met; initiates and responds mostly appropriately to the conversation situation (formal/informal dialogues, e.g. discussion, giving and asking for information)

thematic guidelines sufficiently met; initiates and responds not entirely appropriately to the conversation situation (formal/informal dialogues, e.g. discussion, giving and asking for information)

thematic guidelines mostly not met; initiates and responds mostly inappropriately to the conversation situation (formal/ informal dialogues, e.g. discussion, giving and asking for information)

2. Lexis

register mostly appropriate; mostly appropriate and varied use of vocabulary

register at times inappropriate; use of vocabulary at times inappropriate, some word repetition

register mostly inappropriate; use of vocabulary mostly inappropriate

3. Intelligibility

intelligibility mainly there; mostly appropriate pace

intelligibility sufficiently there, occasionally requires clarification; occasionally inappropriate pace

difficult to understand; speaker can only be understood by focusing carefully on the content or with persistent questioning



4. Accuracy

largely achieved
sufficiently achieved
not sufficiently achieved