

Self-assessment Checklist for Reading

Here's how to use this checklist. You may want to make a photocopy of it so that more than one person can use it. You might also want to use pencil, so that you can erase your answers and use the checklist again.

1. Read each statement, and for each one circle the number which you feel best expresses how well you think you do *when actually using the target language in specific, real-life situations*.
2. If you feel that a statement describes something you would never want to do in the language, disregard it.
3. Go back and look at your answers for each level. For example, look at the Intermediate Level tasks. If you have marked yourself as at least *adequate* for nearly all of the items then you can assume that you have achieved that level of proficiency. If you have marked yourself as adequate for about half of the items, you may be in the upper range of the next lowest level.
4. Record your assessment of your level on the proficiency summary worksheet. (You may also want to photocopy that sheet and keep the original as a master copy.)

Reading Tasks

Novice Level

1. I can read the letters in an alphabet or syllabic writing system and a few characters in a system that uses characters

1	2	3	4	5	6
not at all	barely	somewhat	adequately	well	extremely well

2. I can read the items on most menus

1	2	3	4	5	6
not at all	barely	somewhat	adequately	well	extremely well

3. I can read railroad or bus timetables

1	2	3	4	5	6
not at all	barely	somewhat	adequately	well	extremely well

4. I can read maps

1	2	3	4	5	6
not at all	barely	somewhat	adequately	well	extremely well

5. I can read road signs

1	2	3	4	5	6
not at all	barely	somewhat	adequately	well	extremely well

6. I can read signs above shops

1	2	3	4	5	6
not at all	barely	somewhat	adequately	well	extremely well

Intermediate Level Tasks

1. I can read simple, connected texts about predictable subjects

1	2	3	4	5	6
not at all	barely	somewhat	adequately	well	extremely well

2. I can read public service messages or instructions

1	2	3	4	5	6
not at all	barely	somewhat	adequately	well	extremely well

3. I can read short, straightforward descriptions of persons, places and things written for a wide audience, such as encyclopedia entries

1	2	3	4	5	6
not at all	barely	somewhat	adequately	well	extremely well

4. I can read newspaper headlines

1	2	3	4	5	6
not at all	barely	somewhat	adequately	well	extremely well

5. I can read basic written directions on how to get somewhere

1	2	3	4	5	6
not at all	barely	somewhat	adequately	well	extremely well

6. I can read descriptions of what a place or a person looks like

1	2	3	4	5	6
not at all	barely	somewhat	adequately	well	extremely well

Advanced Level Tasks

1. I can read short stories

1	2	3	4	5	6
not at all	barely	somewhat	adequately	well	extremely well

2. I can read news articles in a newspaper or magazine

1	2	3	4	5	6
not at all	barely	somewhat	adequately	well	extremely well

3. I can read encyclopedia entries

1	2	3	4	5	6
not at all	barely	somewhat	adequately	well	extremely well

4. I can read short biographies

1	2	3	4	5	6
not at all	barely	somewhat	adequately	well	extremely well

5. I can read personal letters

1	2	3	4	5	6
not at all	barely	somewhat	adequately	well	extremely well

6. I can read routine business letters

1	2	3	4	5	6
not at all	barely	somewhat	adequately	well	extremely well

7. I can read simple technical information for the general reader

1	2	3	4	5	6
not at all	barely	somewhat	adequately	well	extremely well

Superior Level Tasks

1. I can read expository prose on a wide range of subjects, including some unfamiliar to me

1	2	3	4	5	6
not at all	barely	somewhat	adequately	well	extremely well

2. I can read newspaper editorials

1	2	3	4	5	6
not at all	barely	somewhat	adequately	well	extremely well

3. I can read any kind of personal or business correspondence

1	2	3	4	5	6
not at all	barely	somewhat	adequately	well	extremely well

4. I can read technical reports

1	2	3	4	5	6
not at all	barely	somewhat	adequately	well	extremely well

5. I can read political commentaries

1	2	3	4	5	6
not at all	barely	somewhat	adequately	well	extremely well

6. I can read official documents

1	2	3	4	5	6
not at all	barely	somewhat	adequately	well	extremely well

7. I can read academic texts

1	2	3	4	5	6
not at all	barely	somewhat	adequately	well	extremely well

8. I can read professional papers

1	2	3	4	5	6
not at all	barely	somewhat	adequately	well	extremely well

9. I can read biographies

1	2	3	4	5	6
not at all	barely	somewhat	adequately	well	extremely well

Distinguished Level Tasks

1. I can read sophisticated editorials

1	2	3	4	5	6
not at all	barely	somewhat	adequately	well	extremely well

2. I can read specialized journal articles in my field

1	2	3	4	5	6
not at all	barely	somewhat	adequately	well	extremely well

3. I can read novels and appreciate the style as well as understand the content

1	2	3	4	5	6
not at all	barely	somewhat	adequately	well	extremely well

4. I can read plays

1	2	3	4	5	6
not at all	barely	somewhat	adequately	well	extremely well

5. I can read poems and appreciate the imagery of the language

1	2	3	4	5	6
not at all	barely	somewhat	adequately	well	extremely well