

INFORMATION ON THE PRIMO LANGUAGE TEST

The PRIMO language test examines specific language skills areas:

1. Understanding Words (Passive Vocabulary)

Objects, activities and characteristics are read to the student who is then asked to select the appropriate picture from a group of pictures. This is to be able to assess knowledge and understanding of words. A word can only be used correctly when its meaning has been comprehended; hence understanding words is the prerequisite to using them (active vocabulary). There is a strong link between the active and passive vocabularies.

2. Understanding Word Meanings (Abstract Terms)

Spatial relations (e.g., in front of/behind) as well as chronological processes (e.g., before/after) and comparative adjectives (e.g., bigger/smaller) are tested together with the child's understanding of colours and shapes. Responses are given by selecting the appropriate picture.

3. Phoneme Discrimination Test (Phonological Awareness)

Each test task consists of two words that either sound similar (e.g., Nadel -Nudel) or are the same (e.g., Dach - Dach). The point of the exercise is for the student to make the correct distinction (same/not the same). The phoneme discretion ability is considered an important requirement to learning reading and writing at a later time in the pupil's life.

4. The memorizing and understanding of texts (textual understanding)

Four short stories are given with five questions each, to see what has been understood. The result indicates how well the child is focused and if everything is understood.

Language proficiency assessment test sections and age limits

Test Section	Maximum Score	Age Limits		
		51-57 months	58-69 months	Ab 70 months
1. Passive Vocabulary	45	25	28	36
2. Cognitive Terms	46	24	28	36
3. Phonological Awareness	20	9	9	10
4. Textual Understanding	20	9	10	12

INFORMATION ON LANGUAGE SUPPORT

The PRIMO language test is carried out in order to allocate additional linguistic support. It is important that children who need support also get it. If a need for additional linguistic support is determined then it is an opportunity for your child and they will receive the support before starting school so that they are better prepared for school.

The PRIMO language test is not a medical or logopaedics diagnosis capable of determining the need for speech therapy. Please therefore note that language support provided where necessary cannot substitute targeted logopaedics speech therapy.

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