



PRIMO-LANGUAGE TEST LANGUAGE PROFICIENCY ASCERTAINMENT

For a successful school start

All children should have the chance to learn successfully in school. It is important to be able to speak and understand the German language well. In Bremerhaven, all children take a language test one year before starting school. The language development is checked by the so-called language proficiency assessment.

If children need support, they receive language training the year before they start school. The municipality of Bremerhaven bears the costs for the language test and language training.

Who?

All children who will start school in 2023

When?

17.01. – 21.01.2022

Where?

At primary schools in Bremerhaven

Why?

Determine the need for language support

How?

PRIMO-Software, Tablet (approx. 25 Min)



BREMISCHES SCHULGESETZ (BREMISH SCHOOL LAW) §36 ENROLLMENT REQUIREMENTS, LANGUAGE TRAINING

Until May 31 of each year, an ascertainment of the German language (language assessment) takes place at the location of the responsible primary school for all children who regularly attend school in the following calendar year, in which every child is obliged to participate.

THE THREE AREAS OF THE PRIMO LANGUAGE TEST

1. Understanding specific words („passive vocabulary“):

Objects (e.g. pen, car) and activities (e.g. laughing, writing) are named for which the appropriate image should be selected from a series of images. Knowing and understanding words (passive vocabulary) is a prerequisite for your own use (active vocabulary). A word can only be used meaningfully if it is known.

2. Understanding abstract terms („cognitive terms“):

Questions will be asked about colors, shapes, numbers, spatial conditions (e.g. in front/behind) and temporal processes (e.g. before/after) as well as about comparative properties (e.g. larger/smaller). The children answer by choosing the appropriate picture.

3. The sound distinction („phonological awareness“):

Two words are recited that either sound similar (e.g. needle – noodle) or are the same (e.g. roof – roof). The task is to hear a sound distinction. It is important for learning to read and write in school that children can distinguish similar sounds.

Your child won't start school until 2024?

Are you moving away from the state of Bremen in August 2022 at the latest?

Does your child have a handicap that prevents participation in the PRIMO language test?

Has your child only recently been in Germany and does not speak German yet?

Then please fill out the "Abmeldung_PRIMO" form and send it back to the educational authority. Children who do not speak and understand the German language yet should receive language training even without taking part in the language proficiency test.

Questions?

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