

Unicert III Descriptors for Examination Protocol _FAU ERLANGEN

Grade	Range	Accuracy	Fluency	Pronunciation	Register
1	Shows great flexibility formulating ideas. Conveys meaning precisely. Excellent command of idiomatic expressions	Maintains consistent grammatical control of complex and sophisticated language. Errors are very rare.	Very fluent without any undue hesitation. Can backtrack and restructure smoothly. Can speak spontaneously and at length with natural flow.	Near-native speaker, virtually complete absence of L1 interference.	No/isolated examples of inappropriate register
2	Command of a very broad range of language with which to formulate ideas. Can convey meaning with ease. Largely idiomatic language.	Maintains a high degree of grammatical accuracy. Few basic errors.	Good fluency. Only a few minor hesitations noticeable. Spontaneous and smooth flow of speech.	Occasional L1 errors, slight L1 interference	Few examples of inappropriate register
3	Command of a broad range of language but some difficulty in expressing complex ideas. Language may occasionally be unidiomatic.	Shows a relatively high degree of grammatical control. Occasional errors, various basic errors. No profound errors causing misunderstanding.	Satisfactory fluency. Some lapses which hardly interfere with basic communication. Still a smooth flow.	Isolated problems or repetitive, strenuous (even if correct) pronunciation. Noticeable L1 accent and/or intonation.	Awareness of register, but noticeably non-native
4	Command of a range of language allowing expression of all ideas but lacking complexity and precision. Some unidiomatic language.	Frequent errors showing imperfect control of numerous patterns. Frequent Germanisms	Adequate fluency and communication but quite a lot of hesitations, false-starts. Not a consistently smooth flow.	Systematic errors, very noticeable L1 accent and/or intonation. Repetition of words or phrases often necessary. Some phonemes consistently mispronounced	Numerous examples of inappropriate style; lack of sensitivity to register
5	Limited range of language. Inability to express more complex ideas. Language unidiomatic	Systematically makes basic errors, including very high use of Germanisms, many of which prevent communication.	Inadequate fluency. Many pauses, false-starts, hesitations, incomplete sentences.	Many errors. 2-3 repetitions necessary. Pronunciation impedes understanding; numerous phonemes consistently mispronounced.	Stylistically largely inappropriate
6	Very limited range of language. Inability to express even basic ideas. Language unidiomatic	Little if any control of grammatical structures. Constant errors.	Complete lack of fluency. Cannot speak spontaneously without any fluency.	Nearly unintelligible and almost completely resembling a German accent	Register and stylistics wholly inappropriate.