Communicative Task Oral Proficiency Assessment

Once per chapter unit, your ability to communicate effectively in German is being assessed. Each assessment is administered to student pairs during drill session and with the help of our Foreign Language Exchange student. Each assessment takes about 10 minutes and follows the following format:

I. Warm-up: Persönliche Fragen (ca. 1 minute)

Individually, you will answer questions about yourself, your family and friends and about your everyday routine, f.e.:

Wie heißen Sie?
Woher kommen Sie?
Was machen Sie gern in ihrer Freizeit?
Warum lernen Sie Deutsch?

II. **Describing an Image: Bildbeschreibung** (ca. 2 minutes)

Together with your partner, you will describe a photograph related to a class topic (such as the sample image below). Possible responses to the image below include:

Ich sehe eine Mutter.
Wie alt ist das Kind?
Ich denke das Buch ist sehr interessant.
Liest du auch gern Bücher?
Das ist ein Kinderbuch, aber meine Mutter liest oft Krimis.



III. **Negotiation Task: Kommunikativer Dialog** (ca. 6 minutes)

Together with your partner and the FL student, you will perform a dialogue where you negotiate a communicative task. Examples of communicative tasks include:

eine Fahrkarte kaufen einen Restaurantbesuch planen eine Wohnung finden über die Zukunft sprechen

IV. **Cool-down: Persönliche Fragen** (ca. 1 minute)

Individually, you will answer additional questions about yourself, your family and friends and about your everyday routine

Student name: _ 5 10 20 30 Content: Form: 5 10 20 30 Comprehensibility: 5 20 10 15 Vocabulary: 4 6 8 10 8 Fluency: 4 6 10 Total (equals 100):

Grading Sheet

Comments:

Content: The ability to successfully negotiate the communicative task at hand (e.g.: by rephrasing, asking for clarification, using verbal and non-verbal cues to make oneself understood, etc.)

Form: The ability to use grammatically correct structures of German (e.g.: by speaking in complete sentences, correct conjugation of verbs, correct use of articles and case endings, etc.)

Comprehensibility: The ability to understand the conversation partner and to make oneself understood by the conversation partner, including pronunciation, enunciation and voice modulation.

Vocabulary: The ability to use words effectively in context.

Fluency: The ability to speak freely and with a natural expression, rather than haltingly.