Language Portfolio

The language portfolio/biography offers you a chance to keep a record of your experiences as a learner of

English. The idea is simple: when you move to another school, or when you start looking for a job, a portfolio

can give teachers or employers useful information about your ability to use the language.

Personal details

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Nationality: Dutch\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

First Language (mother tongue): Dutch\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

Other languages: English\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

Language summary

I started learning English when I was ….

I have studied English for …. years.

I studied English at:

I started learning English when I was around 8 years old by watching English tv shows with subtitels.

I have studied English for about 8 years now

I have studied English in primary school for two years and four more years whilst in high school.

I have these achievements and certificates:

Name of Exam/Certificate Level: A1-C2 Authority (school) Grade Date

Nautilles college paul kleestraat Engels (centraal examen 7,4) (college examen 7,8)

Listening: B2 or C1

Reading:C1

Spoken interaction:C1

Spoken production: B1 or B2

Writing: B2

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Your language and cultural experiences

Your experiences with other languages and cultures are also important. Think about your

experiences of the English language or English-speaking cultures and write about them below.

Where Experience When and how long?

Stays abroad/Holidays/Travel

English courses

At work

Contact with English speakers

Free time activities (e.g.,

books, games)

Other

What did you enjoy?

What did you learn?

What did you find interesting?

I have never been on vacation to a place where they only speak English or another language except for France but that was when I was younger and didn’t speak the language yet. I have spoken English at both my jobs but it rarely happens because most people I interact with do speak Dutch or at least understand it enough to be able to interact with me. I play games on a daily basis where I interact with people whilst playing the game. I play for about 3 hours a day which also helps a lot with improving my English skills. I enjoy the language a lot because I can talk to almost everyone without having to use a translator which is really nice. I find it very interesting how everyone has a different accent and I enjoy hearing different ones every once in a while.

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My level

See the self-assessment grid for each language skill area (graded from CEF levels A1–C2), to help you

decide on your current language level.

I think my level of English according to the Common European Framework of Reference is:

Listening Spoken

Interaction

Spoken

Production

Reading Writing

Your aims and objectives

This section helps you to plan your learning, think about how you learn, and improve the way you

learn.

Think about why you are learning English (for work, travel, etc.) and what level of English you will

need to achieve those objectives – you can refer to the CEF levels in your Language Passport to assist

you.

Why are you learning English? \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_I am learning English because I’m forced to follow it because of school. Otherwise I would’ve kept learning by interacting with my online friends.\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

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Choose the approaches which best describe the learning style you feel most comfortable with and

explain why.

[ ] I prefer to learn practical examples first and figure out the grammatical rules as I go along.

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[ ] I prefer to study the grammar first and build my own sentences until I am good at using the

language.

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[ ] I prefer it when language facts are explained, and then I practise on my own until I feel

confident that I can speak without making mistakes.

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[ ] I prefer an interactive approach to mastering a new language, where I am not afraid to make

mistakes and learn from them.

\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_I like interacting with people which makes it the easiest way for me.\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

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Choose three experiences which have helped you the most to learn English.

Experiences Reason

1 Watching movies and shows. It helped me because I only needed to read the subtitles to learn the language.

2 Playing games with my online friends. It helps a lot because they correct me on bad grammar and they help me when I cant figure out which words to use.

3 Playing guitar has also helped a lot. A lot of online lessons will be in English so by watching those I also learn more about the language.

How do you think you can become a more effective learner? Tick all that apply.

[ ] By setting clear goals for my study

[ ] By practising more outside of class

[ ] By practising grammar exercises regularly

[ ] By speaking English as much as possible

[ ] By improving my vocabulary

[ ] By listening to English music or watching English shows

[ ] By using different resources like books, videos, or apps

[ ] Other:

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Writing task: choose one of the topics and comment on it. Use 150 (max 200) words.

1. How has using AI tools like ChatGPT changed the way you do your schoolwork? Do you think

using AI helps you learn better, or do you worry it might make you too dependent on

technology?

2. Do you think video games are harmful to young people? Think about how they might affect

health or behaviour. Can video games be also good, like helping you learn or work with

others? Write about your own experience with video games or what you have seen in others.

3. Do you think social media brings people closer together, or does it actually make us feel

more isolated. How does the way social media manages posts affect our friendships and

society? What is your experience?

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3. For me social media in my opinion is a great way to bring people closer together because you get to interact with people from all around the world which helps explore new cultures and overall helps people who have a hard time finding friends in real life to still make friends trough the countless apps that we have these days. Social media also helps a lot when it comes to politics Trough social media we get to learn about peoples opinions and reasons on why they prefer certain groups over others which can help in your own vision when it comes to politics. Social media is also a great way of organizing events with friends and maybe even strangers which can help socialize in real life as well. Social media has personally had a great impact on my life since I was able to learn guitar all on my own with the help of social media. I have learned a lot about other cultures and religions which also gives me a better perspective on how people might think differently then I do.