



TAML 10100 1, TAML 10100 1 - First-Year Tamil I - Instructor(s): Govindarajan Navaneethakrishnan

Project Title: **College Course Feedback - Autumn 2023**

Number Enrolled: **9**

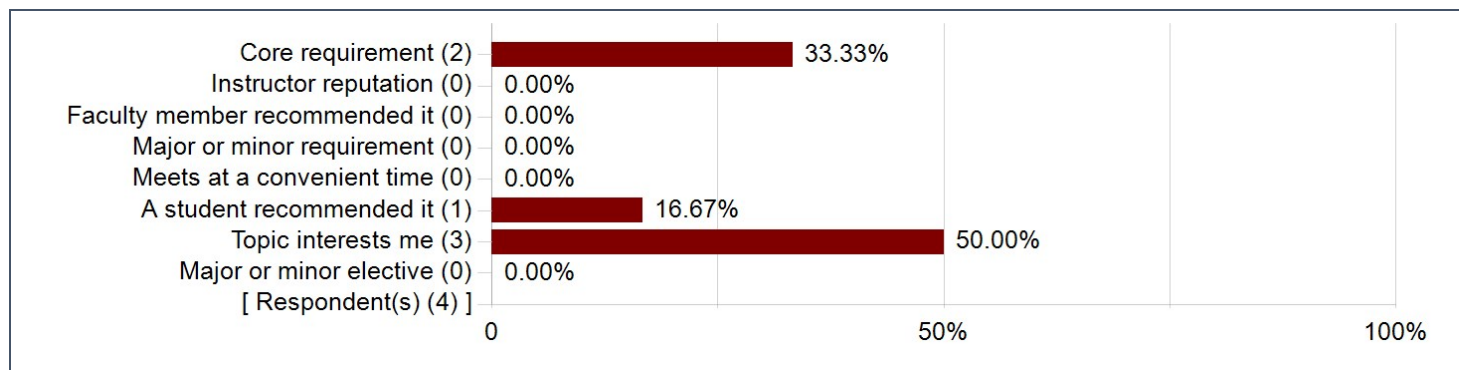
Number of Responses: **4**

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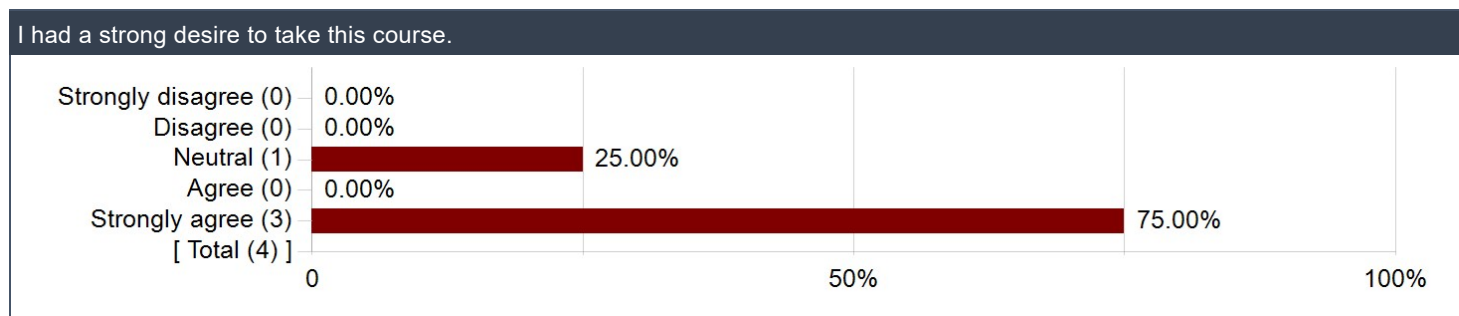
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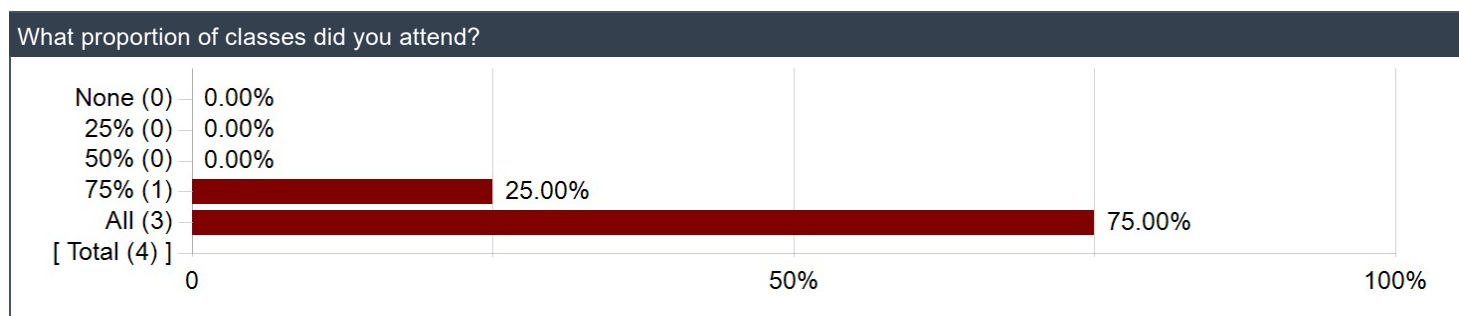
Why did you choose to take this course? (Select all that apply)



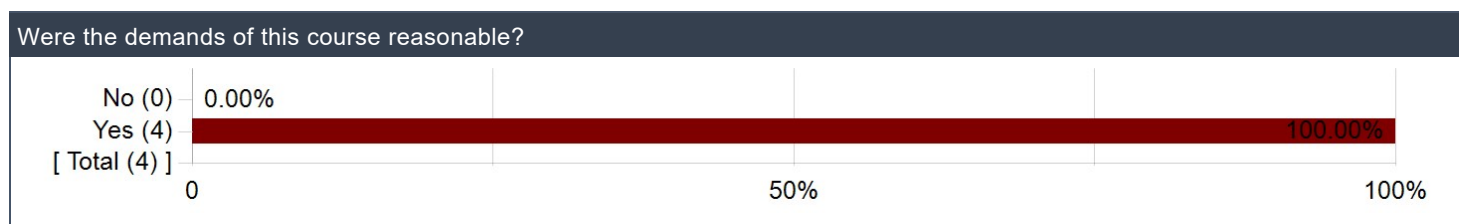
I had a strong desire to take this course.



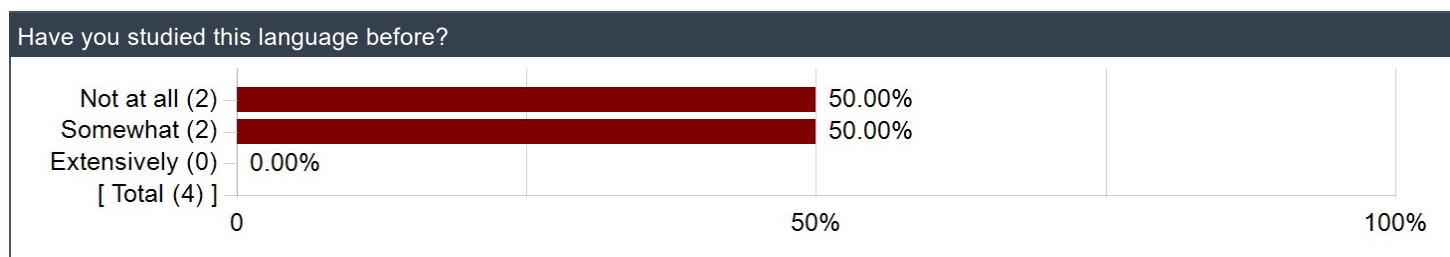
What proportion of classes did you attend?



Were the demands of this course reasonable?



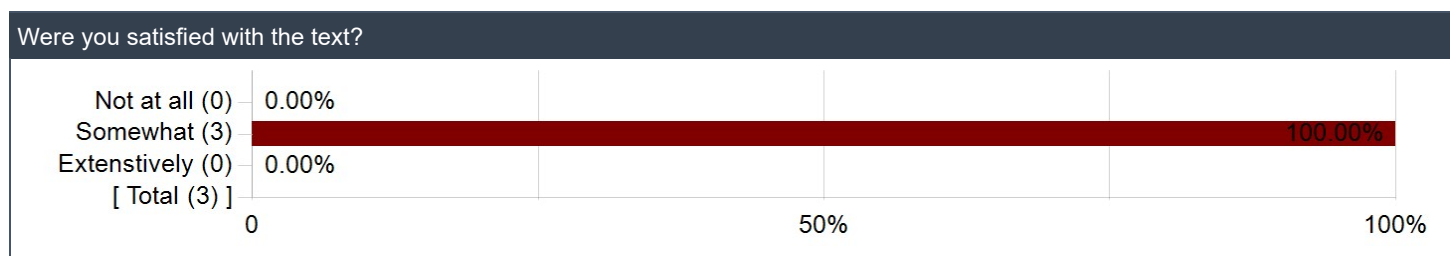
Have you studied this language before?



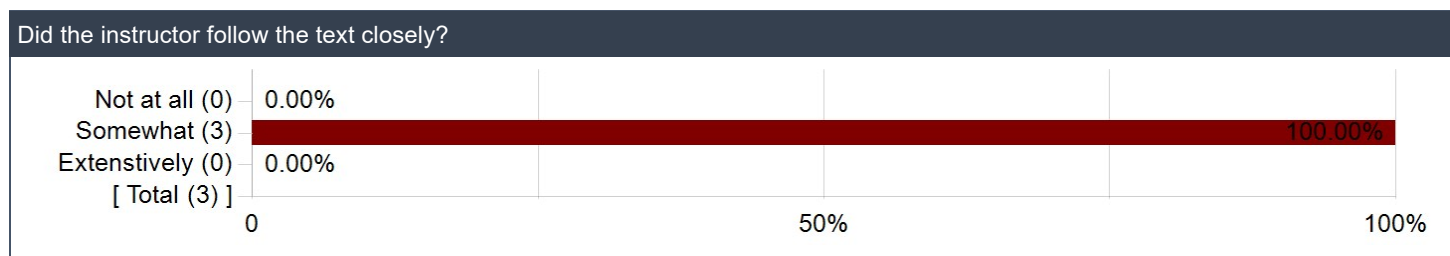
Rate the extent to which different aspects of the language were stressed:

	Mean	Median	Not At All	A Little	Some	A Lot	Extremely	Vigorously
Speaking	3.75	4.00	0.00%	25.00%	25.00%	0.00%	50.00%	0.00%
Spelling	4.25	4.00	0.00%	0.00%	50.00%	0.00%	25.00%	25.00%
Reading	4.25	4.50	0.00%	0.00%	25.00%	25.00%	50.00%	0.00%
Writing	3.75	4.00	0.00%	25.00%	25.00%	0.00%	50.00%	0.00%
Grammar	3.25	3.00	0.00%	25.00%	50.00%	0.00%	25.00%	0.00%
Vocabulary	3.25	3.50	0.00%	25.00%	25.00%	50.00%	0.00%	0.00%

Were you satisfied with the text?



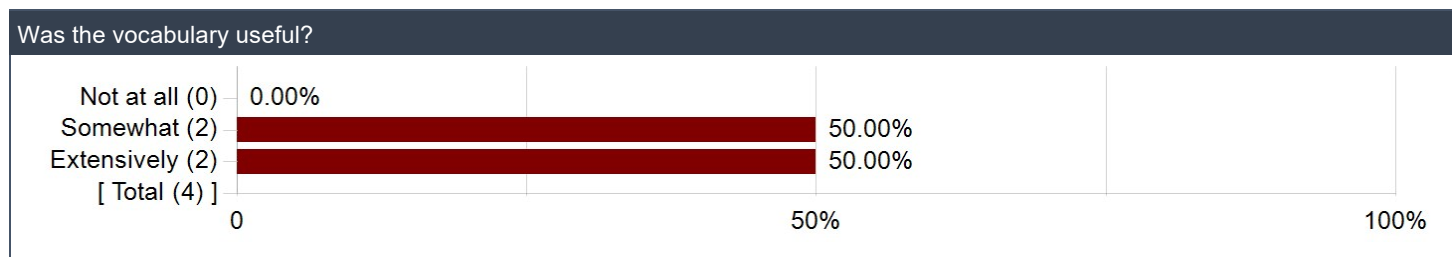
Did the instructor follow the text closely?



Explain:

Comments
we didn't really have text, he just gave lectures and notesheets
The Professor structured classes mostly based on important grammar and vocabulary topics rather than a specific textbook
We didn't have one central text, but I appreciated that.

Was the vocabulary useful?

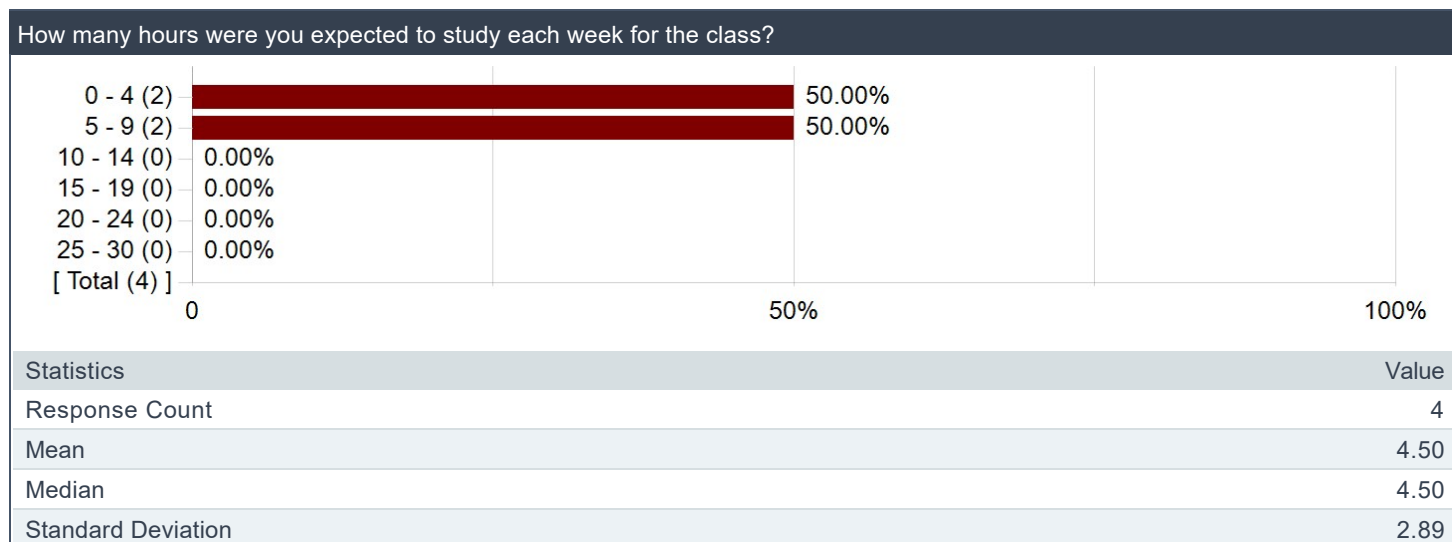


Why?

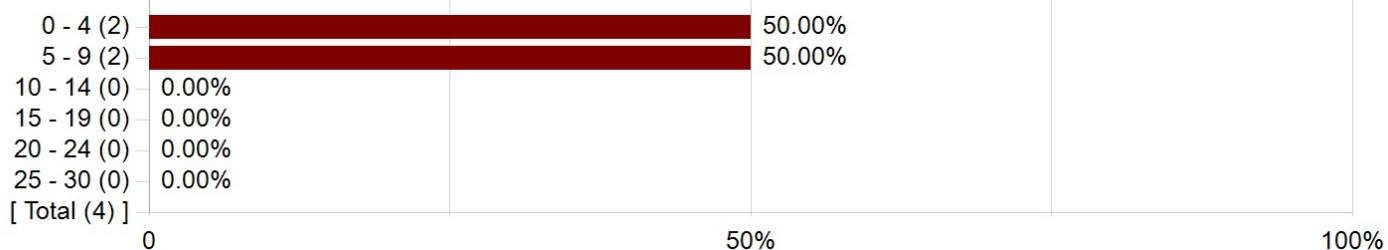
Comments
they were useful
Memorized a lot of basic useful vocabulary.
Some vocabulary was related to daily life and could be easily used at our level, while other vocab was more of a reach
I think we learned more useful vocab by the end of the course!

Describe the format of the class (lecture, drills, etc.). Was this format productive? Please be specific.

Comments
lectures and lots of practice and class discussion
Classes usually consisted of exercises, lectures, written work, and class discussions.
Class was mostly lecture with some reading and writing practice at this start. This format helped me get exposed to important grammar and vocabulary patterns, but I would've liked more time to practice in class
The format was great!! Some lecture, usually a portion where we would all read from the screen, a portion where we would write from hearing, and a lot of speaking. He was great at fostering a close community in the class and making everyone feel comfortable talking/getting everyone engaged and excited to learn. I felt a lot more comfortable in the class much more quickly than i thought i would

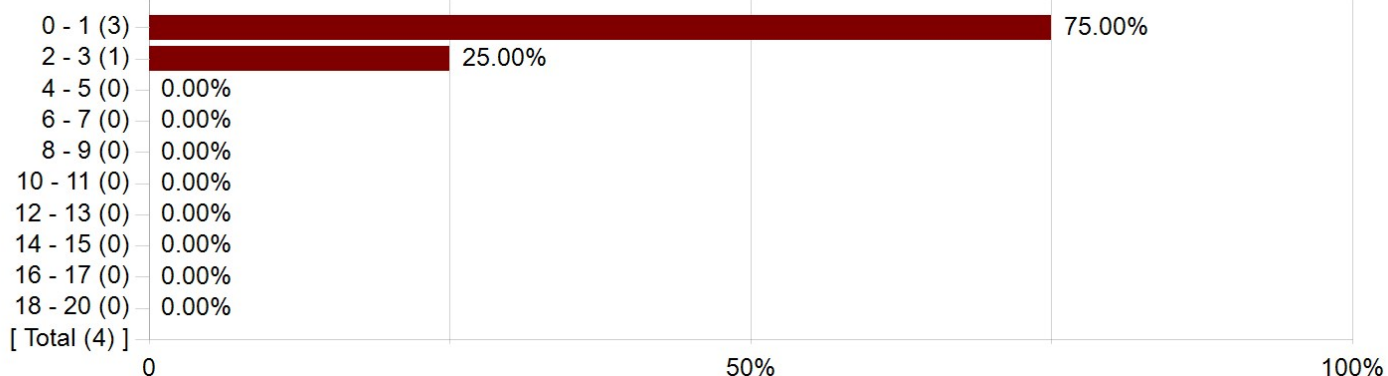


How many hours did you spend?



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Response Count	4
Mean	4.25
Median	4.50
Standard Deviation	3.30

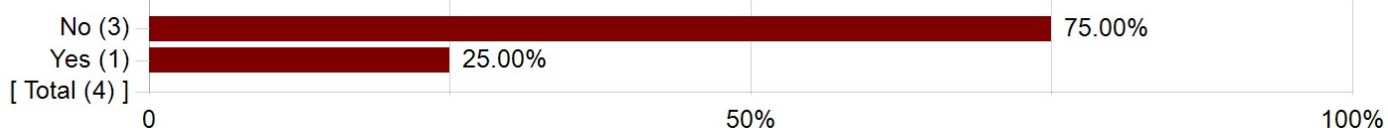
How many written quizzes were given?



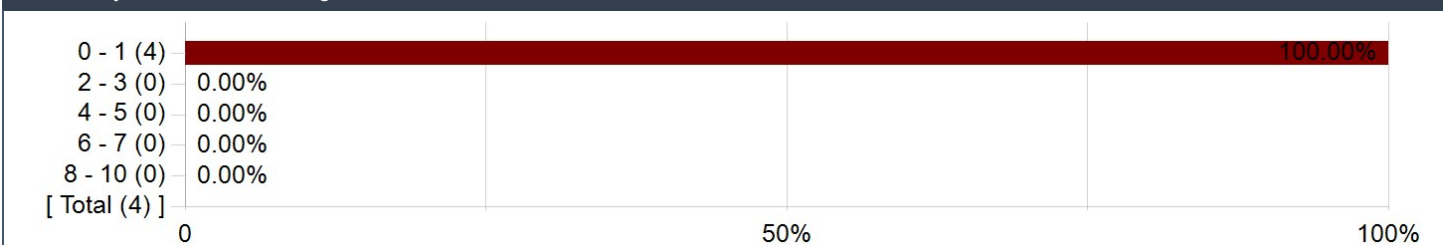
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Mean	1.00
Median	1.00
Standard Deviation	0.82

Were there daily assignments? (i.e., journals)?

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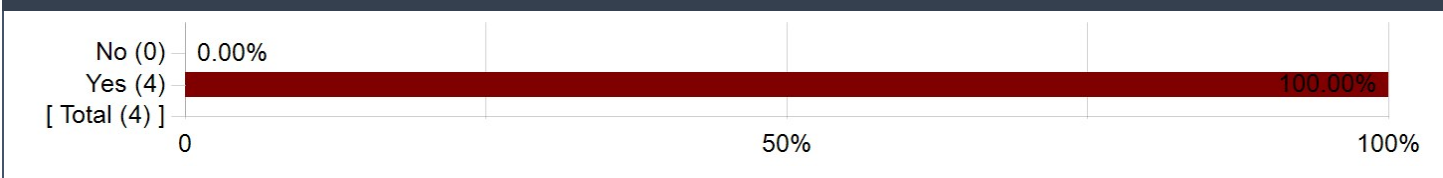
How many oral exams were given?



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Median	1.00
Standard Deviation	0.00

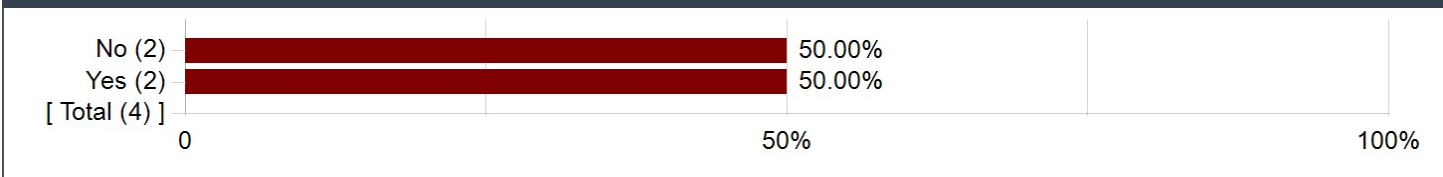
Were the oral exams fair?

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Why? Please be specific.

Comments
they were challenging
Pronunciation was stressed
We had to read from a passage, this was at the midterm when we had mostly spent a lot of time practicing pronunciation and learning the alphabet. It felt like a fair and helpful exam to have!

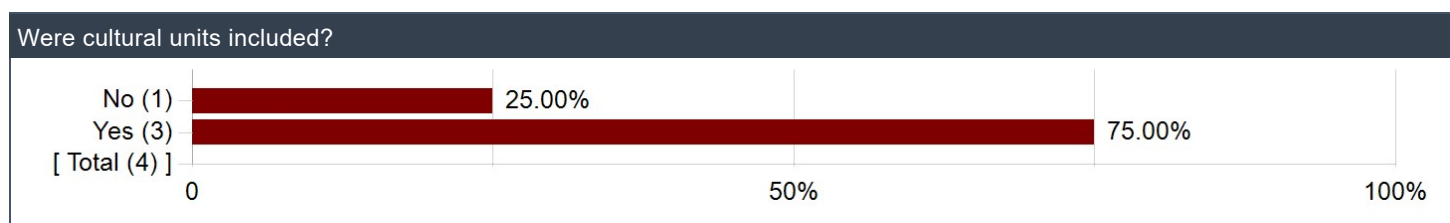
Was your instructor organized?

Mean	Median	Very Unorganized	Somewhat Unorganized	Fairly Organized	Somewhat Organized	Very Organized
4.25	4.00	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%	75.00%	25.00%

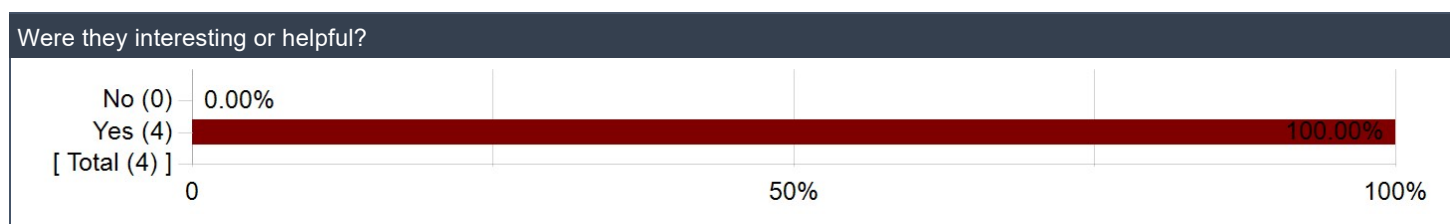
Explain

Comments
he was organized
Sometimes felt like we were not spending enough time for more important grammatical topics.
Had all of the presentations and homework ready but at times the structure of the class seemed a bit convoluted
He was great at providing whatever organization we needed/asked for. I appreciated that he provided the level of organization we expressed that we needed to succeed!

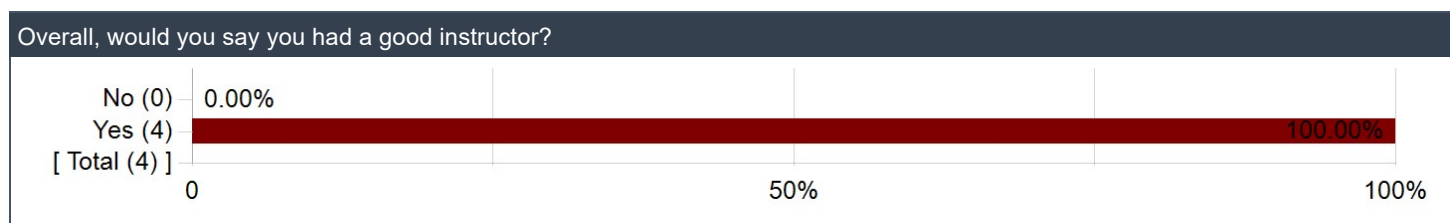
Were cultural units included?



Were they interesting or helpful?



Overall, would you say you had a good instructor?



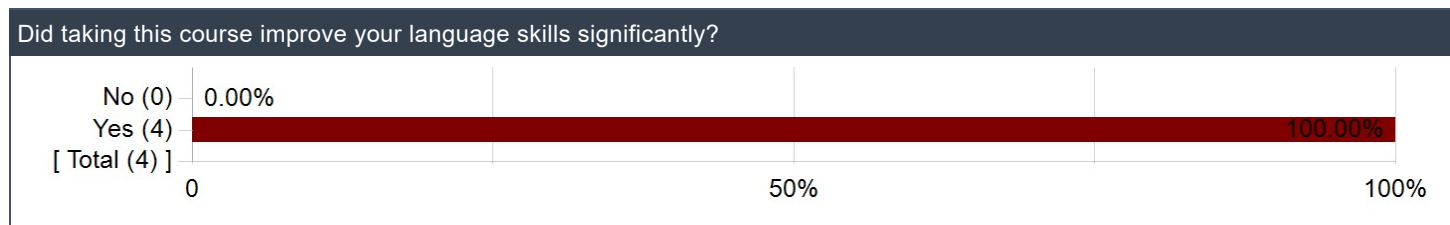
Why?

Comments
Professor Navaneethakrishnan is very kind and willing to help all students
He is very knowledgeable about the language, especially when teaching us about formal vs spoken Tamil.
Passionate about teaching and the language
He was great! I had a lot of fun in this class, and I learned a lot

Please provide your TA's name. Did the TA answer your questions fully and clearly?

Comments
Ihsan is also very kind and willing to help
Ihsan UI-Ihthisam Chappangan
Iksan was useful for answering questions and getting an explanation on confusing topics from another perspective
Ihsan UI-Ihthisam Chappangan. Yes the TA was great, super helpful

Did taking this course improve your language skills significantly?



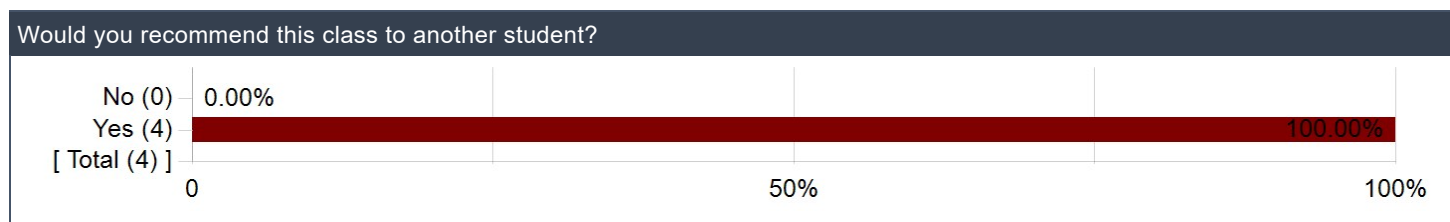
In what way?

Comments
I learned how to conjugate
I learned to read and write at a basic level.
Reading and knowledge of basic grammar and vocabulary
I learned the alphabet, to read, to pronounce, to write, some basic understanding and some basic ability to speak!

How would you improve this course?

Comments
Some of the homework assignments are very long and feel like busywork rather than learning work, so cut down a bit on those
Spend more time learning spelling – I feel like my reading was able to keep up with the pace, but my writing skills were slower to develop.
Having grammar be taught incrementally would be great, rather than memorizing it all at once. I'd also like vocabulary to be a bit more thematic, to make it easier to remember and to have more time inside and outside class creating organic sentences and using grammar and vocabulary we've just learned to help it stick
Maybe work on grammar earlier and have some more structured vocab throughout the course

Would you recommend this class to another student?



Why?

Comments
The professor is great and tamil is a great language to learn
It is a very fun class if you are passionate about learning Tamil. Since it is smaller class, it is more conducive to learning at the pace of the class. The homework and assessments are manageable as long as you consistently attend class, it can be easy to fall behind.
Good introduction to the language
Its fun!