

Assessing Skills

Assessing listening

- To assess a person's competence is to observe his performance.

Evaluate micro skills and macro skills

Micro: smaller bits, chunks, decoding skills, etc.

Macro: larger elements, background schemata, etc.

TYPES:

- Intensive
- Responsive
- Selective
- Extensive

TEST TASKS:

- Picture cues
- Yes/no questions
- True/false questions
- Multiple-choice questions
- Dictation
- Completing gap
- Choose after hear.

Assessing writing

GENRES:

- Personal writing
- Job - related writing
- Academic writing

TYPES:

- Extensive
- Responsive
- Intensive
- Imitative

Evaluate micro and macro skills

Micro: speed, grammar, discourse, cohesive devices, etc.

Macro: literal and implied meanings, strategies, etc.

TEST TASKS:

- Copying
- Cloze selection
- Converting
- Dictation
- Grammar transformation
- Ordering
- Short answers.

Assessing reading

EFFICIENT READERS:

- Bottom-up
- Top-down

Microskills: orthographic patterns, chunks, parts of the speech, tenses, etc.

Macroskills: significance, interpretation, links and connections, purpose of the author, etc.

TYPES:

- Perceptive
- Selective
- Interactive
- Extensive

TEST TASKS:

- Reading aloud
- Written response
- Yes/no questions
- True/false questions
- Multiple-choice questions
- Matching
- Gap-filling
- Ordering
- Cloze text
- Scanning
- Skimming.

Assessing speaking

- The most challenging exams to prepare, administer and score

Evaluate micro and macro skills

Micro: chunks, phonemes, morphemes, words, collocations, etc

Macro: fluency, discourse, function, style, cohesion, strategies, etc.

Evaluates using rating scale.

TEST TASKS:

- Interview
- Oral presentation
- Interactive tasks
- Group discussions
- Debate
- Describing
- Storytelling
- Comparing
- Giving personal information.