

EXERCISE SHEET

The Europass Language Passport: Linguistic and intercultural competence

Understanding and being able to speak the language of your host country is the “key” to success during a stay abroad. Test how well you read, listen to and understand texts in foreign languages here.

Exercise 1: Test your language skills (individual exercise, possibly with subsequent group or class discussion)

The “Test Your Language Competence” game lets you test how good your ability to read and listen to a foreign language is. Test yourself and then share your experience and your results with the group or with a teacher. A brief note in this regard: This is not a conventional test. It is designed as a playful means of self-assessment.

Exercise 2: Filling in a Europass Language Passport

- Print the grid with the Common European Framework of Reference for Languages from the internet: www.europass-info.de. You will find the grid in the information concerning the Europass Language Passport. Assess your own language skills based on this grid.
- Afterwards, fill in a Europass Language Passport in English. You will find the template at www.europass-info.de in the section “Europass Language Passport”. Click on the button and then choose the appropriate language in the top right-hand corner.

Exercise 3a: My city, my company, my school (in small groups or with partners – intermediate level)

Discuss the following questions and record the results in writing:

- What things in my city, my company and my school would I like to show guests from abroad?
- What is (probably) unique here?
- What is likely not to exist in this form in other countries?

Create large posters with a list of all the things that you would like to show and teach young people from another European country (alternative: PowerPoint presentation).

Assessing language skills and competences:

- What words and expressions can you use to successfully complete this task?
- What knowledge are you still lacking?
- Using a dictionary, look up the vocabulary you will need to communicate appropriately with visitors from your “country of choice”.
- Share thoughts and ideas on the topic with others in your small group.

Presentation (in small groups or with partners):

- Write down the words and sentences in English on index cards and prepare a presentation about life in your city, your company and your school. The type of presentation used (PowerPoint, podcast etc.) is entirely up to you.

Exercise 3b: My text, my speech (individual exercise – higher level)

Describe your training course or your school in your own words. Try to summarise this description as a brief text or oral presentation.

In-depth exercise:

Research the correct structure of a speech. Write down the most important features. You want to welcome foreign guests on behalf of your school and/or company. Now prepare your own speech. Consider which aspects should be visually presented on slides or in PowerPoint for reading along.

Expand your speech by introducing your own training course and your future occupation. You can also draw on information from the Europass Certificate Supplements for your vocational qualification certificate for this purpose.