

EINSTUFUNGSTEST

Zur Selbsteinschätzung der eigenen Sprachkenntnisse bietet der Gemeinsamer Europäischer Referenzrahmen für Sprachen (GER) einen Einstufungstest an.

Zur Teilnahme an den verschiedenen Kursen: Englisch für Gästeführer ist es empfohlen mindestens Sprachniveau B1, besser B2 zu beherrschen, da der Kurs auf Englisch gehalten wird.

Self-Evaluation Test for the Tour Guide Seminars:

Are the following exercises very easy (3points), ok (2points) or rather difficult (1point) for you?
Write down how many points you collected,

I Reading Comprehension:

Read the small excerpt of the entry for Magdeburg in the Encyclopædia Britannica, and answer the following questions:

Give yourself 3 points if this text didn't prove any difficulty and you could answer the questions right away; 2 points if you had to look up a few words, 1 point if understanding this text was rather difficult, 0 points if you couldn't do it:

- ⑩ What happened in the year 1815?
- ⑩ What expanded from Magdeburg throughout eastern Europe?
- ⑩ When was Magdeburg officially burned down for the first time?
- ⑩ Discuss: Is Magdeburg a centre of food processing?

Magdeburg ... First mentioned in 805 as a small trading settlement on the frontier of the Slavic lands, it became important under Otto I (the Great), who founded there (c. 937) the Benedictine abbey of Saints Peter, Maurice, and Innocent. ...

... Although it was burned down in 1188, Magdeburg became a flourishing commercial centre in the 13th century and was a leading member of the Hanseatic League. In that century it also established an autonomous municipal administration, Magdeburger Recht (Magdeburg Law), that later was widely adopted throughout eastern Europe. Its citizens, in almost constant conflict with the archbishops, became nearly independent of them by the end of the 15th century. Magdeburg embraced the Reformation in 1524 and was thereafter governed by Protestant titular archbishops. During the Thirty Years' War it successfully resisted a siege by imperial forces under Albrecht von Wallenstein in 1629 but was stormed in 1631 by Johann Tserclaes, Graf (count) von Tilly, who burned and sacked the city and butchered about 20,000 of the city's 30,000 inhabitants. ...

... During the period of German partition, it was the most important inland port of East Germany; inland shipping remains significant. Although German reunification in 1990 brought steep declines in manufacturing activity (particularly machine building), the service sector of the economy expanded rapidly. Today Magdeburg is a centre of food processing, particularly sugar refining and flour milling, and of metalworking and heavy engineering. A chemical industry and textile milling are also significant. ...

II Listening Comprehension:

Listen to the following sample text of the Monastery in Magdeburg. How easy/difficult is it to understand the text and answer the questions?

3 points if you could answer all questions by listening once. 2 points if you filled in all the answers by listening a second time. 1 point if it took you three times and 0 points if you couldn't answer all questions after listening three times:

Simply call this sample number of the new mobile tour guide service of Magdeburg:

Users of the service only pay the 'normal' telephone fees for a long-distance call without any expensive additional charges. In other words: anyone who has a so-called 'flat rate' in their mobile phone contract won't pay a penny.

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1. Who lay the foundation for the Premonstratensian order in 1129?
2. Which bronze doors were made by Heinrich Apel?
3. What is the name of the oldest building in Magdeburg?

III Grammar:

Look at the following sentence, how many mistakes can you find and correct? For comparison you can find the corrected sentence at the end of this test:

Give yourself 3 points if you found 8-10 mistakes, 2 points for 5-7 mistakes, 1 point for 2-4 mistakes or 0 point for 0-1 mistake:

Working a tourist guides are demanding. Since many year's our chef wanted us to work on each Sunday. While the guests wants to go from the Breiter Weg until the Church of St. Ulrich and look in every shop window.

IV Vocabulary:

This next exercise is designed to test your vocabulary, which comprises of two parts;

Part 1: Can you translate all the words of the following list, without having to look them up?

Give yourself 3 points if you knew 19-24 words, 2 points for 13-18 words, 1 point for 7-12 words or 0 points for 0-6 words:

1. location, permit, superb
2. romanesque, proceed, grocery store,
3. highlight, depart, extensive
4. waterfront, recommend, elegant
5. elector, gorgeous, monument
6. request, show someone around, prevalent
7. extensive, prince bishop, heritage
8. stairwell, voucher, bearings

Part 2: Please use the 3-word-combinations to write down 4-5 sentences, each sentence can be as short or as complex as you want them to be, look at the following examples:

Example 1:

- ⓐ Word combination: voice, sit back, gorgeous
- ⓑ His gorgeous voice made me sit back.

Example 2:

- ⓐ Word combination: necessities, raise (a hand), beautiful
- ⓑ While I was looking through my wardrobe, in order to get all my necessities ready for the trip tomorrow, I raised my hand and found the beautiful broach, which my mother gave me for my last birthday.

Give yourself 3 points if you were able to use the word correctly in a sentence without difficulty; 2 points if you might have had to look up some words but were able to use them in a sentence afterwards, 1 point if you had trouble writing complex sentences and 0 points if you needed more than 2 minutes each time to come up with even a short sentence:

Total Points:

- ⓐ 11-15 points → Englisch für Gästeführer /English for Tourguides – Fortgeschritten
- ⓑ 6-10 points → Englisch für Gästeführer /English for Tourguides – Anfänger
- ⓒ 0-5 points → Vielleicht wäre ein Kurs zur Verbesserung von genereller Grammatik und Vokabular und der Konversation zur Vorbereitung empfehlenswert. (Siehe dazu weitere Kurse der EEB)

Corrected Sentence for the Grammar Exercise III:

Look at the sentence with all the corrections, (1-2 are up for debate)

⑩ Working as a tourist guide is demanding. For many years our chef wanted us to work on every Sunday, while the guests want to go from Breiter Weg to the Church of St. Ulrich and look at/into every shop window. (10 mistakes)

⑩ Correct sentence for comparison:

Working as a tourist guide is demanding. For many years our boss wanted us to work on every Sunday, while the guests want to go from Breiter Weg to the Church of St. Ulrich and look at every shop window.