

### 7.3.3.2 Der XS-Test – Englische Version

#### **The XS Test**

You have already learnt a language and you would like to refresh or improve your knowledge.  
You are looking for a language course at the right level? We can help you!

This short test will help you assess your language knowledge according to the European Common Framework levels A1 to C2. In this way you will be able to find the appropriate language course.

**Which language would you like to learn?**

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**Assess your knowledge according to the following descriptors.**

Tick all the statements that are true for you.

**Beginner**

I have no knowledge.

Important:

If you already have had some experience in the target language (for example, at school, with your friends or during a stay abroad) then you will probably be underchallenged in a beginner's course. Have a look at the descriptors A1 – A2.

**A1**

I am able to express myself in a simple way with the help of single words, short sentences and gestures.

I can:

- greet somebody and introduce myself
- ask and answer simple questions
- I can understand numbers, prices and the time
- write a short message
- understand (direction) signs and posters

**A2**

I am able to convey basic meaning in very familiar or highly predictable situations even though I make many mistakes.

I can:

- order something to drink and eat
- ask for direction
- write a short postcard
- find certain information in a newspaper (for example, the place and the price of an event)
- understand a short announcement, for example, at the airport

**B1**

I am able to handle communication in everyday situations even though I still make mistakes.

I can:

- handle communication in familiar situations
- understand a telephone conversation if spoken slowly
- write personal letters
- understand simple newspapers articles
- handle most situations while travelling abroad

**B2**

I am able to handle communication in several situations. I am understood even though I make some mistakes.

I can:

- maintain a longer conversation
- read specialised correspondence
- follow the news on TV
- write simple business letters
- express my opinions in a discussion

**C1**

I am able to handle communication in most situations. I can express myself clearly and mostly accurately.

I can:

- discuss most themes with native speakers
- describe complex facts
- follow most of the TV programmes without any difficulty
- write reports and all kinds of letters
- read newspapers, specialised magazines and literary texts

**C2**

I am able to handle communication in all situations as a native speaker.

I can:

- speak fluently and appropriately expressing different shades of language
- write challenging texts
- read literature and specialised books
- take part without difficulty in all discussions with native speakers
- follow spoken language even when the speaker is fast

## Evaluation

Which is the highest level where you have ticked three descriptors?

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We recommend that you choose a course at this level or one level higher.

Where have you acquired your language knowledge? (At school, at a course, at a language school aboard, self study or contact with native speakers?)

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Do you already speak another language, if yes, which one?

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Do you already have a exam or a school leaving certificate, if yes, which one?

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**How do you learn best?** Please tick.

1. What kind of class would you prefer?

- once a week
- twice a week or more
- intensive classes
- weekend classes
- other

2. What are your language aims?

- Learning the language for every day situations?
- Learning the language for your job?
- Learning the language for travelling purposes?
- Conversation class?
- Refreshing your previous knowledge?

3. Would you like to acquire an internationally recognised certificate?

- Perhaps, if I attain the right level.
- Yes, a course preparing for a certificate would be very important.
- No, I don't need any certificate.

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