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# PROCEDURE & CONTENT OF THE SPROOCHENTEST

The Sproochentest consists of 2 exams: the **Oral Language Test** and the **Listening Comprehension Test**. In this Lesson you will learn about the contents of the Sproochentest, how it is administered and FAQ so that you have a clear picture of what to expect on the day you take the test.

## 1. Oral Language Test

### *Level required*

The level of the Oral Language Test corresponds to **level A2** of the Common European Framework of Reference for Languages for oral production and interaction.

You will be evaluated on your use of simple language in describing your living conditions, educational background and ability to discuss familiar topics such as your family, job, holidays, hobbies, daily activities, food and drink habits.

### *Procedure*

The Oral Language Test consists of two parts, Topics and Pictures:

### **Part 1: Topic Discussion**

The examiner proposes two different subjects/topics for discussion and you will need to select one. You will then be asked questions about the chosen topic, allowing you to demonstrate your command of the language.

Here are the most frequently proposed topics:

Summer / Wanter	De Stot maachen & Akafe goen
Vakanz / Reesen	Medien & Technologien
Hobbyen & Kreativitéit	Transportmëttelen
Sproochen	Kaddoen
Tourismus am Heemechtsland	Gesond liewen
Wunnen	Moud & Kleeder
Sport	Liesen

## **Part 2: Picture Description**

The examiners will show you 3 pictures. They are all pictures of people. For example: people celebrating a birthday, or a family having breakfast, or people on the “Plëss” or at the Schueberfouer. You will choose one of the 3 pictures and describe what you see. You have a maximum of 5 minutes to talk.

### ***Time***

The complete Oral Test lasts approximately ten to twelve minutes.

## **2. Listening Comprehension Test**

### ***Level required***

The level of the listening comprehension test corresponds to **level B1** of the Common European Framework of Reference for Languages (CEFR) for listening comprehension: *‘The candidate can understand the main points of clear standard speech on familiar matters regularly encountered in work, school, leisure, etc. The candidate can understand the main points of many radio or TV programmes on current topics or matters of personal or professional interest when the delivery is relatively slow and clear.’*

### ***Content and procedure***

The listening comprehension test is in three parts. You will hear

- 1 a radio news item
- 2 an everyday conversation between two people
- 3 a discussion or presentation of a specific subject

Each part consists of an audio recording and recorded questions. Each recording is played twice. After each recording, you answer the multiple-choice questions by indicating your answer on an answer sheet.

The test lasts about 25 minutes.

### ***Assessment***

Candidates’ answer sheets are marked by two evaluators using a marking grid.

### 3. Passing criteria

You will pass the Sproochentest if you obtain a **minimum score of 50%** on the Oral Language Test. An insufficient score on the Oral Language Test can be **compensated** by your results on the Listening Comprehension Test.

## FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

### **Where does the Sproochentest takes place?**

The exam takes place at the Institut National des Langues (INL), 21 boulevard de la foire, L- 1528 Luxembourg. The INL is close to the "Glacis" at Limpertsberg.

### **Are the 2 exams on the same day?**

Usually, they take place on 2 different days. You'll receive a letter from the INL informing you about a) the date for the oral exam and b) another date for the listening comprehension. But upon request the INL organises once a month a day including the 2 exams.

### **Do I have to speak (monologue) during several minutes about one topic?**

The oral exam is conducted in the form of a dialogue / interview between the candidate and the examiner.

### **Do I have to introduce myself in the oral exam?**

No, this is not requested.

### **Do I get the results the same day of the oral exam?**

You'll receive the results after having taken both the oral and the listening comprehension tests. This takes generally between **2 and 5 weeks**.

### **Does the listening comprehension test takes place in front of 2 examiners?**

The listening comprehension exam takes place in a big room and you'll be seated with many other students - each one at a separate desk.

### **How many times can I apply to take the Sproochentest?**

There is no limit to the number of times. You can register again once you've received the results of the previous test.

### **Where and how can I register?**

You may register in person at the INL or submit the duly completed registration form directly on the INL's webpage under the section "Citizenship - Exam - Conditions & Registration.

### **When are the next tests being held?**

The dates are posted on the INL's webpage under the section "Citizenship - Exam - Next sessions". Between mid July and mid August the INL is closed but the next sessions will be posted beginning of August.