

Test specifications

Receptive vocabulary size test for adult learners of Swiss German Sign Language (DSGS)

1. Purpose of the test

- Placement test

2. Learner/target group

- Bimodal learners: hearing adults learning DSGS as a second language in a second modality

3. Sections of the test

- The vocabulary test consists only of two sections: Introduction and testing receptive vocabulary knowledge (self-report format) and will take approximately 20 minutes to be completed.

4. Type of materials

- Since vocabulary will only be tested on the single-sign level, signed videos with the target item in DSGS will be provided, followed by questions if the test taker knows/doesn't know the sign

5. Language skill(s) and elements

- Receptive vocabulary size test. The items of this test are samples from existing DSGS teaching materials targeting CEFR level A1

6. Type of task(s)

- Discrete-point tasks

7. Number of items

- Approximately 100

8. Method

- Yes/No test

9. Instructions and practice items

- Instructions are provided in written German to the test taker

10. Criteria of assessment

- Test takers indicate if they know (or not know) the test
- (For productive vocabulary test: "correct" or "incorrect" decision)