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This book addresses the need for tests that can diagnose the strengths and weaknesses in

learners' developing foreign language proficiency. It presents the rationale for, and research surrounding, the development of DIALANG, a suite of internet-delivered diagnostic foreign language tests funded by the European Commission. The word 'diagnosis' is common in discussions in language education and applied linguistics, but very few truly diagnostic tests exist. However, the diagnosis of foreign language proficiency is central to helping learners make progress. This volume explores the nature of diagnostic testing, emphasizing the need for a better understanding of the nature of appropriate diagnosis. The book starts with a debate about how diagnostic testing might most appropriately be developed. Charles Alderson argues that the field has neglected to construct diagnostic tests, partly because other forms of testing have dominated the field. Alderson examines how proficiency has been diagnosed in the key areas of language: reading, listening, writing, grammar and vocabulary. The value of self-assessment is discussed and exemplified as a key component in developing learners', and teachers', awareness of the complexity of language learning. The book ends with a consideration of and recommendations for

future developments in the diagnosis of foreign language proficiency. This volume comprises of chapters that deal with language proficiency relating to a wide range of language program issues including curriculum, assessment, learners and instructors, and skill development. The chapters cover various aspects of a broad-based proficiency initiative, focusing on numerous aspects of foreign language learning, including how skills develop, how assessments can inform curriculum, how learners and instructors view proficiency and proficiency assessment, and how individual use of technology furthers language learning. The concluding chapter points the way forward for issues and questions that need to be addressed.

Assessing English Language Proficiency in U.S. K-12 Schools offers comprehensive background information about the generation of standards-based, English language proficiency (ELP) assessments used in U.S. K-12 school settings. The chapters in this book address a variety of key issues involved in the development and use of those assessments: defining an ELP construct driven by new academic content and ELP standards, using technology for K-12 ELP assessments, addressing the needs of various English learner (EL) students taking the assessments, connecting assessment with teaching and learning, and substantiating validity claims. Each chapter also contains

suggestions for future research that will contribute to the next generation of K-12 ELP assessments and improve policies and practices in the use of the assessments. This book is intended to be a useful resource for researchers, graduate students, test developers, practitioners, and policymakers who are interested in learning more about large-scale, standards-based ELP assessments for K-12 EL students. How did the (old) Hanyu Shuiping Kaoshi (HSK) assess the Chinese proficiency of non-native speakers of Chinese? What inferences can be derived from HSK test taker scores, especially from Western test takers? How difficult is it to learn Chinese according to the HSK? Thirty years of research have been synthesized into an argument-based approach for validating the most widespread test for Chinese as a foreign language. In addition, the author has analyzed the scores of a sample of over 250 German test takers in order to investigate how many hours German natives needed on average to study for reaching a specific HSK level. This work also extensively discusses validation theory for psychological testing, and it demonstrates how to put an argument-based approach to validation into practice. Don't worry--there's no need to stress about JLPT test prep! As the founder of JLPTBootCamp.com--a test prep website with more than 300,000 annual visitors--Clayton MacKnight has helped tens of thousands of students to pass the JLPT N5 exam.

Now, he's distilled his study resources and tips into a handy must-have volume for anyone prepping for this important language test. MacKnight's complete study package fully prepares the exam-taker by providing: Clear and simple grammar lessons with sample sentence patterns Printable vocabulary, Hiragana, Katakana, and Kanji flash cards Over 300 sample test questions Three printable practice tests (all with answer keys and free online audio recordings for the listening portions) Exam-takers can stop worrying and take the uncertainty out of exam prep because the JLPT Study Guide shows them exactly what to expect--and how to pass the test with flying colors! The Japanese Language Proficiency Test (JLPT) is the standardized test taken by everyone who wants to study or work in Japan. English Language Proficiency Assessments for Young Learners provides both theoretical and empirical information about assessing the English language proficiency of young learners. Using large-scale standardized English language proficiency assessments developed for international or U.S. contexts as concrete examples, this volume illustrates rigorous processes of developing and validating assessments with considerations of young learners' unique characteristics. In this volume, young learners are defined as school-age children from approximately 5 to 13 years old, learning English as a foreign language (EFL) or a second language (ESL). This

volume also discusses innovative ways to assess young learners' English language abilities based on empirical studies, with each chapter offering stimulating ideas for future research and development work to improve English language assessment practices with young learners. *English Language Proficiency Assessments for Young Learners* is a useful resource for students, test developers, educators, and researchers in the area of language testing and assessment. This book aims to open up new perspectives in the study of language proficiency by bringing together current research from different fields in psychology and linguistics. All contributions start out from empirical studies, which are then related to applications in language assessment. The book also serves as a survey of recent developments in psycholinguistic research in the Netherlands. The book starts out with a thorough introduction of international literature on models of language proficiency, language development and its assessment. Section 1 deals with first language proficiency and addresses such problems as grammar in early child language, grammatical proficiency and its (in)variance across a range of ages, reading abilities, and writing skills. Section 2 focuses on multilingual proficiency and deals with test bias in relation to the background of the second language learner, bilingual proficiency in ethnic minority children, the

development of the second language learner lexicon, communicative competence of school-age children in the context of second language learning, the assessment of foreign language attrition and the dimensionality in oral foreign language proficiency. ***New 2020 Edition - The latest strategies to pass your exam.*** ***Free Online Email Tutoring Subscription*** This booklet does not contain any practice questions and content. This booklet is solely devoted to test taking strategies that can be applied to the IELTS English Language Proficiency exam. If you have done a lot of practice questions and content, this booklet will provide very useful techniques to passing the IELTS English Language Proficiency exam. If you are taking the exam for the first time, this booklet will be a huge asset to helping you study and pass your exam the first time. If you are really struggling to pass, this booklet can greatly support you to pass the IELTS English Language Proficiency exam. The booklet is devoted to teaching you how to take the IELTS English Language Proficiency exam along with providing effective strategies. The booklet covers the following: Study Strategies Test Taking Strategies Reducing Anxiety Strategies Guessing Strategies Strategies To Decide Between Two Answers Systematic Approach To Answering Questions Constructed Response Strategies The purpose of the booklet is to provide test taking strategies to use for the IELTS English Language Proficiency

exam. The booklet contains over 85 strategies to achieve a passing score on the IELTS English Language Proficiency exam. All strategies included apply for the IELTS English Language Proficiency exam. Plus, as a bonus, you get a free online email tutoring subscription to support you in your journey to passing your exam. *Local Language Testing: Design, Implementation, and Development* describes the language testing practice that exists in the intermediate space between large-scale standardized testing and classroom assessment, an area that is rarely addressed in the language testing and assessment literature. Covering both theory and practice, the book focuses on the advantages of local tests, fosters and encourages their use, and provides suggested ideas for their development and maintenance. The authors include examples of operational tests with well-proven track records and discuss: the ability of local tests to represent local contexts and values, explicitly and purposefully embed test results within instructional practice, and provide data for program evaluation and research; local testing practices grounded in the theoretical principles of language testing, drawing from experiences with local testing and providing practical examples of local language tests, illustrating how they can be designed to effectively function within and across different institutional contexts; examples of how local language tests and assessments are

developed for use within a specific context and how they serve a variety of purposes (e.g., entry-level proficiency testing, placement testing, international teaching assistant testing, writing assessment, and program evaluation). Aimed at language program directors, graduate students, and researchers involved in language program development and evaluation, this is a timely book in that it focuses on the advantages of local tests, fosters and encourages their use, and outlines their development and maintenance. It constitutes essential reading for language program directors, graduate students, and researchers involved in language program development and evaluation. NEW! In addition to the 1,445 MP3s of each Vocabulary and Example Sentence, we now added eight "chapter" MP3s which combine the Japanese vocabulary word, the example sentence, and then the English translation. We put these eight MP3s together so you can listen while driving, while walking the dog, or while going through the book. The FREE download link is found on the last page. Taking the Japanese Language Proficiency Test is a great way to not only assess your Japanese skills, but also to give yourself a concrete goal for your learning. I am a firm believer in setting goals. It is the quickest way to make progress. Unfortunately, with goal-setting, there is usually the problem of maintaining motivation. By paying money and making plans to sit in a test (usually) in a different city; however, you are making a

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extract necessary information using short text, graphs, or other visuals (such as timetables, schedules, or pamphlets). This book focuses on the development of the process of teaching and assessing foreign language competence for study purposes in a pluricultural and plurilingual context. It addresses not only the individual who is learning the language for academic purposes (LAP), but also other stakeholders, like teachers, schools and universities, and external boards, such as examination boards for language testing. The book highlights an ongoing research project at the University of Parma, Italy, aimed at developing teaching programs and evaluative tools for language for academic purposes. Starting from a reflection upon the nature of language for study purposes stemming from the tradition of English for Academic Purposes, it describes the model of an LAP test implemented in Italian secondary schools and universities, and shows the findings concerning the performance in the test of both students whose mother tongue is Indo-European and those who speak non-Indo-European languages. The volume offers an explanatory account of the progress of academic language proficiency testing in the UK (and later Australia), from the British Council's English Proficiency Test Battery (EPTB), through the revolutionary English Language Testing Service (ELTS) to the present solution

of IELTS. The three stages of academic language testing in the UK over the last 50 years move from grammar through real life to features of language use. At the same time, comparison of predictive validities suggests that all three measures account for very similar shares of the variance (about 10%) and that therefore the choice of an academic language proficiency test is determined only in part by predictive validity: other factors such as test delivery, test renewal in response to fashion, research and impact on stakeholders, and assessment of all four language skills are also important. This guide contains descriptive and evaluative information on 47 major commercially-available English-as-a-Second-Language (ESL) tests in current use around the world. For each test, the following information is provided: complete title; acronym; publication date; targeted audience; intended purpose; scoring method; administration type (group or individual); test length; test components; costs; author(s); publisher, including complete address and telephone number; a review, which includes a description of the test and discussion of its reliability, validity, and related issues; and test and reviewer's references. An introductory section offers guidance on the use of the reviews, uses and misuses of testing, and purposes of testing (placement, measuring achievement, diagnosis, measuring proficiency). In addition, two sections provide an introduction to ESL

proficiency testing in North America and an overview of ESL testing in Britain. (MSE) This analysis examined the reliability and validity claims of a modified version of the Spanish Modern Language Association Foreign Language Proficiency Test. The study used a computerized version that was administered to 277 test-takers. The study's design was framed by the investigative steps proposed by Messick (1989) and Nitko and Brookhart (2007). An ex post facto approach was used, which mixed the confirmatory factor analysis and multiple regression analyses with descriptive interpretations. The quantitative analyses examined the impact of nationality, gender and average time spent on completing the tasks on the five subscales of this particular examination. The analyses provided mixed results related to the predictors' ability to explain the subscale scores. The descriptive analyses revealed numerous validity flaws and gaps in the test construction. Such inadequacies overshadowed the positive aspects and eventually led to my questioning of the hypothesis that the judgments based on data from these particular examinations are reliable and valid. Recommendations for possible revisions were made, along with suggestions for future research avenues. This booklet does not contain any practice questions or content. The purpose of the booklet is to provide test taking strategies to use for the TEXES Bilingual Target Language Proficiency

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languages of the countries to which they are posted. To achieve this language proficiency for its staff, the State Department's Foreign Service Institute (FSI) provides intensive language instruction and assesses the proficiency of personnel before they are posted to a foreign country. The requirement for language proficiency is established in law and is incorporated in personnel decisions related to job placement, promotion, retention, and pay. A Principled Approach to Language Assessment: Considerations for the U.S. Foreign Service Institute evaluates the different approaches that exist to assess foreign language proficiency that FSI could potentially use. This report considers the key assessment approaches in the research literature that are appropriate for language testing, including, but not limited to, assessments that use task-based or performance-based approaches, adaptive online test administration, and portfolios. This book is the third part of a series of three textbooks to help Western students of Chinese prepare for the official Chinese Language Proficiency Test (HSK) in the People's Republic of China. It covers all the language material (Chinese characters, vocabulary, grammar points) required for the two highest HSK exam levels 5 and 6 at the advanced stage of Chinese language studies, following the most recent official curricula and guidelines of the competent examination body (Hanban). These three essential "material" main areas

of Chinese language studies are covered in depth and will help the student pass the language proficiency tests successfully. Language Testing Reconsidered provides a critical update on major issues that have engaged the field of language testing since its inception. Anyone who is working in, studying or teaching language testing should have a copy of this book. The information, discussions, and reflections offered within the volume address major developments within the field over the past decades, enlivened by current "takes" on these issues. The real value of this collection, however, lies in its consideration of the past as a means of defining the future agenda of language testing. This book is the second part of a series of three textbooks to help Western students of Chinese prepare for the official Chinese Language Proficiency Test (HSK) in the People's Republic of China. It covers all the language material (Chinese characters, vocabulary, grammar points) required for the two HSK exam levels 3 and 4 at the intermediate stage of Chinese language studies, following the most recent official curricula and guidelines of the competent examination body (Hanban). These three essential "material" main areas of Chinese language studies are covered in depth and will help the student pass the respective language proficiency tests successfully. As the demand for English language education grows in Asia, there has been a parallel growth in

the development and implementation of standardized tests at the local level. Offering much-needed context on locally-produced tests across Asia, contributors examine emerging models for English language assessment and the impact these large-scale tests have on the teaching and learning of English in the region. Chapters address the following well-known and developing high-stakes tests: the GEPT in Taiwan, the TEPS in South Korea, the VSTEP in Vietnam, the CET in China, the EIKEN and TEAP in Japan, and the ELPA in Malaysia. Brought together by world-renowned testing assessment scholar Cyril Weir and the Language Training and Testing Center (LTTC), one of Asia's leading testing institutions based in Taiwan, this volume is a useful reference for evaluating, developing, and validating local tests of English and their societal impact.

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and helpful comments throughout* Every kanji has its correct stroke order shown* Each kanji has multiple examples and an example sentence showing usageArigatou--and here's to your Japanese! As the United States continues to be a nation of immigrants and their children, the nation's school systems face increased enrollments of students whose primary language is not English. With the 2001 reauthorization of the Elementary and Secondary Education Act (ESEA) in the No Child Left Behind Act (NCLB), the allocation of federal funds for programs to assist these students to be proficient in English became formula-based: 80 percent on the basis of the population of children with limited English proficiency1 and 20 percent on the basis of the population of recently immigrated children and youth. Title III of NCLB directs the U.S. Department of Education to allocate funds on the basis of the more accurate of two allowable data sources: the number of students reported to the federal government by each state education agency or data from the American Community Survey (ACS). The department determined that the ACS estimates are more accurate, and since 2005, those data have been basis for the federal distribution of Title III funds. Subsequently, analyses of the two data sources have raised concerns about that decision, especially because the two allowable data sources would allocate quite different amounts to the states. In

addition, while shortcomings were noted in the data provided by the states, the ACS estimates were shown to fluctuate between years, causing concern among the states about the unpredictability and unevenness of program funding. In this context, the U.S. Department of Education commissioned the National Research Council to address the accuracy of the estimates from the two data sources and the factors that influence the estimates. The resulting book also considers means of increasing the accuracy of the data sources or alternative data sources that could be used for allocation purposes. As the demand for English language education grows in Asia, there has been a parallel growth in the development and implementation of standardized tests at the local level. Offering much-needed context on locally produced tests in Asia, contributors examine emerging models for English language assessment and the impact these large-scale tests have on the teaching and learning of English. Chapters address the following well-known and developing high-stakes tests in different regions across Asia: the GEPT, the TEPS, the VSTEP, the CET, the EIKEN and TEAP, and the ELPA. Brought together by world-renowned testing assessment scholar Cyril Weir and the Language Training and Testing Center (LTTC), one of Asia's leading testing institutions based in Taiwan, this volume is a useful reference for evaluating, developing, and

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ideas for future research and development work to improve English language assessment practices with young learners. English Language Proficiency Assessments for Young Learners is a useful resource for students, test developers, educators, and researchers in the area of language testing and assessment. Documents the development of the Cambridge ESOL Certificates in English Language Skills (CELS), a suite of modular examinations first offered in 2002. As a context for how CELS was conceived, developed, constructed, validated and managed, the book traces the history of exams which have influenced CELS. The Royal Society of Arts (RSA), later UCLES (University of Cambridge Local Examinations Syndicate) Communicative Use of English as a Foreign Language examinations (CUEFL) was one such influence, as were the Certificates in Communication Skills in English (CCSE), these exams being a development of the CUEFL. The University of Oxford Delegacy of Local Examinations (UODLE) examinations, taken over by UCLES in 1995, were a further influence on CELS. UODLE itself had worked in partnership with the Association of Recognised Language Schools (ARELS) Examinations Trust, the Oxford EFL reading and writing exams for many years offered in tandem with the ARELS Oral English exams. ILTS Target Language Proficiency - Spanish (056) Exam Secrets helps you ace the Illinois Licensure

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