

## DIFFERENT TEST FORMATS IN TEACHING ENGLISH

There are the different formats of tests that could be applied for testing of four language skills: reading, listening, writing and speaking.

We look at multiple-choice tests, gap filling, dictations and so on.

Firstly, multiple choice tests. They could be effectively used for testing grammar, as well as for testing listening or reading skills.

As you know a multiple-choice test looks like:

1. A \_\_\_\_\_ exception to the presumption of copyright is the «fair-use» doctrine.

a) big                      b) major                      c) large                      d) great.

2. \_\_\_\_\_ the source and/or advertising the source can weigh in favour of the finding of a use «fair».

a) Claiming                      b) Denoting                      c) Citing                      d) Exemplifying.

A task is represented by a number of sentences, which should be provided with the right variant, that is usually given below. Apart from the right variant the learners are offered a set of distractors. The distractors usually slightly differ from the correct variant, could be represented by the synonyms of the correct answer.

Next format is a short answer test format. Short answer tests could be substitutes to multiple-choice tests. These tests will contribute to the students' results, for they will be able to support their answers and clarify them.

This type of testing differs from multiple-choice questions by the absence of the answers. The learners provide the answer themselves. Short answer test could be used for checking their various language skills techniques, such as reading, listening or speaking activity.

True/False test. This test format is familiar for all the teachers and students. It looks like:

1. Heathrow, JFK and Charles de Gaulle are all famous railway stations.

 

2. When you arrive in another country, you usually have to show your passport at immigration control.

 

3. Taxi drivers always refuse tips.

 

Each reading task can be followed with true/false activities that will intend to check the students' comprehension of an article. The learners will be offered a set of statements some of which are true and some are wrong.

Another test format is dictation. Teachers use dictations to check spelling, to test listening comprehension. Dictation helps the students to develop their abilities to distinguish between phonemes, separate words and intonation. Dictations check the variety of skills: listening, reading, speaking and writing skills.

If we want to test grammar and language structures we can use different test formats: transformation, broken sentences, sentence and paragraph completion, form filling, notes and diaries.

The teacher can use a variety of test formats, such as multiple-choice questions, transfer of information, reordering the words, listening to the instructions to check the language skills of his students. Every teacher chooses himself the tasks that will be appropriate to the way of teaching english.

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**Анотація. Різниченко А. Різні формати тестів у викладанні англійської мови.** Тези присвячені питанню різних форматів тестів у навчанні та викладанні іноземної мови. Існує безліч типів тестів. Серед них: тести на перевірку вмінь, перевірку рівня підготовки, діагностичні, прогностичні та інші. Існує також багато інших технік: множинний вибір, трансформація, заповнення пропусків, співвідношення, так/ні, відкриті запитання, виправлення помилок, а також переклад, есе, диктанти, будова речень.

**Ключові слова:** тести, викладання мови, формати тестів, множинний вибір, навички читання, навички аудіювання, навички письма.

**Аннотация. Ризниченко А. Разные форматы тестов в преподавании английского языка.** Тезисы посвящены вопросу различных форматов тестов в обучении и преподавании иностранного языка. Существует большое количество тестов. Среди них: тесты на проверку умений, проверку уровня подготовки, диагностические, прогностические и другие. Также есть много других техник: множественный выбор, трансформация, заполнение пропусков, соотношение, да/нет, открытые вопросы, исправление ошибок, а также перевод, эссе, диктанты, построение предложений.

**Ключевые слова:** тесты, преподавание языка, форматы тестов, множественный выбор, навыки чтения, навыки аудирования, навыки письма.

**Summary. Riznychenko A. Different test formats in teaching English.** Thesis are devoted to the question of the different formats of tests in foreign language learning and teaching. It exists a variety of test types. There are

*proficiency, achievement, diagnostic, prognostic tests and others. There are also many elicitation techniques: multiple choice, transformation, gap-filling, matching, true/false, open questions, error correction, other techniques, such as translation, essays, dictations and sentence construction.*

**Keywords:** *tests, language teaching, test formats, multiple choice, reading skills, listening skills, writing skills.*