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Section WBF Scorer WBF Score 3.7 Grade B- 2.5 *dbw*

**First-Year German: Scoring Guide for Writing Test K02**

Rule of thumb for U satisfactory: knows and conveys the target content; most vocabulary is there when needed; differentiates most verb forms, pronouns, gender; w/v, s/z, i/e/ei/eu, sch/ch/k mostly correct

	on time? (15%)	Part 1a: own bio info for www (20%)	Part 1b: questions for www (25%)	Part 2: minimal cultural skill (10%)	Part 3: survival travel info (30%)
<b>6</b> <i>18 Oct</i>	Test is returned when the class is still in the early part of Kontext 3 or, if the test was made available too late for that, within 48 hours after it became available and was announced in class / by WWW / email.	3 statements essentially correct; mentions German and another subject of interest; goes beyond the task; at least one statement offers two "chunks" of information	3 basic questions nearly perfect; followups are cogent and show no serious errors in vocabulary and structure introduced so far	all items present, and all perfect in content and form	country names 100%; super-major city names correct (Wien!); most city locations in correct quadrant of Germany, correct third (east/west) of Austria; Swiss cities OK anywhere; more than half of relative locations correct (Leipzig S & maybe W of Berlin); no gross errors; 5 easily comprehensible questions
<b>5</b> <i>22 Oct</i>	Test is returned by the time the class is halfway through Kontext 3 (or with adjustment like that in 6: within 72 hours).	most of level 5; recipient would be confident that writer could continue	3 basic questions with no serious error patterns and few smaller errors; 3 successful followups	a few small errors, and no consistent errors in form or content	most of level 5; 2 country names perfect; 1 country name can be misspelled if it is still phonetically correct ("Denmark" on an English test); max 1 gross info error; 5 reasonably comprehensible questions
<b>4</b> <i>28 Oct</i>	Test is returned before the class completes Kontext 3 (or with adjustment like that in 6: within 1 week).	3 pieces of bio-information; evidence of verb-ending adjustment; knows subject of study; sentences average more than 4 words; no more than one category of major spelling distortion	3 basic questions with no serious error patterns; some followups are successful	3 city names correctly converted; time punctuation observed, uses correct currency symbol, but may skip or distort word for "o'clock"	2 of 3 country names correct (1 misspelling OK if phonetically correct); no consistent distortion in spelling (ex: Wjgnar or Ljepzig but not both wrong); most German & Austrian cities in the correct zone of the country (see 6), but relative locations often weak; 4 questions with few small errors and no more than one major distortion
<b>3</b> <i>1 Nov</i>	Test is returned before the class completes Kontext 4.	much of level 3; recipient of message could hope that writer could communicate something more the next time	3 readily comprehensible basic questions, but many errors; followups can be deciphered, but with difficulty	2 cities, 24-hour time; uses wrong punctuation in time or price, but not both	Citizen of D/A/CH looking at map during train conversation would be amused sometimes but could hope to help; 4 questions with some small errors and no more than two major distortions
<b>2</b> <i>8 Nov</i>	Test is returned before the class completes Kontext 5.	It's German, but there are constant distortions in utter basics (ik for ich; little ich-form of verbs; holes in essential personal vocabulary).	It's German, but there are constant distortions in utter basics (distortion of verb forms, major letters or combinations, holes in essential personal vocabulary).	content and form are largely unchanged or haphazardly converted	Citizen of D/A/CH looking at map during train conversation would be shocked at lack of basic knowledge and fear that person would get dangerously lost; questions would need much counter-questioning
<b>1</b> <i>later</i>	Test is returned before the class completes Kontext 6.	Fewer than 3 sentences, and what is there is greatly distorted.	Fewer than 3 questions, and what is there is greatly distorted.	Main areas of content are entirely missing. What is there is greatly distorted.	Minimal map and essentially useless language.

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Time: 1 hour plus as much time as you want to read the directions

General directions: This test is being taken outside the classroom. Observe the time limit and no use of outside language resources (people or materials) are allowed. Provide the following information when you return your test:

date 10/20/10 time \_\_\_\_\_ time finished (hour) 4:00 pm

Person who vouches for you (friend, family member, teacher, boss, etc.): relationship roommate

that person's name printed La and that person's signature \_\_\_\_\_

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Be sure to download and print the SCORING GUIDE for this test. You may use it ahead of time to plan your studying. Right after you finish your test, RATE YOURSELF on the scoring guide and turn in your self-evaluation along with your completed test. (This does NOT count against your 1 hour of test time.) If you are not sure what the "teacher" language means, you can ignore that part and ask your instructor later. If you are not sure whether your test responses were correct or not, you can check your *Wie, bitte?* materials after your test, as long as you don't change anything. You don't have to calculate your score - just mark your performance levels.

Part 1 (NOTE YOUR START TIME NOW in the blank above) Situation: Special-interest groups on the Internet often welcome e-mail messages from people who share their interest. Right now you don't have enough German to sustain much conversation, but after doing OK in first-year German, and acquiring a modest specialized vocabulary, you could participate. So now is the time to practice taking the first step.

a) In the space below, write in German THREE "get acquainted" statements of information (NOT questions) about YOURSELF and your work or interests relevant to starting communication with people who might have something in common with you. Treat yourself as someone who is not one-dimensional. Your writing will be judged on both its richness and its accuracy. This is where you say all you can while you've got their attention. It's not safe to play it safe by writing as little and as simply as you can.

1. Mein namen ist Kristin
2. Ich liebe Computer und Kunst.
3. Ich bin 25, ich fühlen 45.

b) In the space below, compose in GERMAN on the left a set of THREE basic QUESTIONS that would help you find out about the various features of the person you are getting acquainted with. Then, for each basic question, add a "follow-up" question OR statement in GERMAN that would help you continue the communication in a fairly natural "flow" once you received the answer to the basic question.

English example:	basic question	follow-up question
	What's your birthday?	Aren't you a Leo? I'm a Virgo.
1. Wo ist Kiel?	maybe relevant	ist Kiel cloone Sonne shinen?
2. Wieviel Uhr ist es?	Why?	Was ist heute?
3. Und wie alt sind sie?	yes	Ich bin 25.

Part 2 Situation: A job capability that can be of use to some employers but does not involve much German skill is the ability to address shipments and other communications to the German-speaking countries, and to give quantities in their units.

a) Write the German names of the following cities:

Munich münchen Vienna Wien Zurich Zürich Cologne Köln

b) Rewrite the quantities below using German punctuation and German terms for units of quantity. Do NOT write out the numbers as words. Where a symbol exists to represent a word, use the symbol (example: "#" for "pound").

7 o'clock	5:17pm	75.60 euros
0700 Uhr	17:17	75,60 € €

Part 3 In class and in your study materials it has been made clear that you must acquire a basic knowledge of central European geography and be able to apply it while speaking or writing German. At this stage, the standard for satisfactory performance is the competence to deal with basic travel plans in a simple conversation, as might occur between friendly strangers in a train compartment or airline cabin, without giving the impression that your knowledge of the territory would get you seriously lost or unnecessarily cost you a lot of money and time to correct.

Below is a sketch map of Germany, Austria and Switzerland, such as you might use to discuss travel plans. Do the following:

- In GERMAN, label those three countries;
- Indicate the locations of 10 major cities in Germany, 3 major cities in Austria, and 2 major cities in Switzerland, and label them with their names in GERMAN. The cities must be of sufficient importance that they serve as common transportation hubs, and that a failure to grasp their approximate location would be regarded as weird in a normal adult within that culture. U.S. example: Chicago is a major city, Springfield (IL or OR) is not. Precision of location will be judged by "ball park" regional accuracy and placement of the cities relative to each other. Example of satisfactory performance for visitors to the U. S.: locating San Francisco on the West Coast, somewhere near the middle in terms of north and south.



10, BERLIN  
Kiel  
München  
Frankfurt  
HAMBURG  
KöLN

3, Wien  
Graz

2, BASEL  
ZÜRICH

- Write in GERMAN 5 questions that would be useful to travelers, such as people sitting together on a train, who are trying to get from city to city and country to country and carry on a friendly conversation too. Try not to repeat phrases or duplicate content areas.

1. Wieviel Uhr ist es und Kiel?
2. Wo ist mein paß?
3. Wieviel kostet das?
4. Ich weiß nicht, tut mir leid!!!!
- 5.