101 Oral Test Protocol – Kontext 2

Use speech that is normal in intonation and not artificially slow. Do not repeat prompts identically and with emphasis; try to rephrase them. If the re-prompt doesn't work, give up and go on. You're testing, not teaching, so don't spend time and distort the results by teaching along the way and helping the student get to a higher level of performance than is the level of actual unassisted ability. OK to take a few minutes after the test to chat and offer encouragement / approval.

1. greeting

2. Name, e-mail to check spelling, and one other personal question

Begin with double Q: heißen / Name and another related Q (email, studieren). Third Q: Wie alt; wie heißt der Deutschprofessor/ die D-Professorin

Here or elsewhere: elicit "Wie, bitte?" by offering a higher-level prompt that can be re-offered at the K2 level. Example: Können Sie mir Ihren Namen sagen? Wissen Sie, ___? If they handle the high-level prompt and therefore don't need Wie, bitte?, then give them credit for it.

3. initial day and time (hour on the hour)

Ist heute ___tag? Was ist morgen? Und gestern? (NOT: Was war gestern?) Wieviel Uhr ist es? Und in (NY, Chicago, or Denver)?

4. classes and schedule

Was studieren Sie (if not asked earlier)? Wann haben Sie X? Haben Sie X am -tag?(use studieren if haben doesn't work); aim for Deutsch and one other course (#?), and mention of 3+ days; can use arbeiten

5. money

ask for price estimates of several common items that are visible (don't spend time naming the objects. Begin with double Q, pointing to the Wie, bitte? photopy package: "Haben Sie das, und wieviel kostet das?" Check a single-digit price, one for 10/11/12, and one for double digits using -und-.

This is a good place to elicit bitte/danke by handing / retrieving props.

6. Cultural knowledge

Show a blank sketch map, point and ask "Was ist das?" or, for variation or if re-prompt is needed, "Wo ist [D/A/CH]?". Begin with Deutschland, then move on to Schweiz and Österreich. Ask about major cities: "Wo ist X?" (Withdraw the map so they won't be able to just point." Choose from these cities: Germany–Berlin, München, Hamburg, Köln, Frankfurt, Stuttgart, Leipzig; Austria–Wien, Salzburg, Graz; Switzerland: Basel, Zürich

7. Farewell

evaluate with Greeting category on K1 test