

Global Self-Assessments (Parallels DDx560) Speaking

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Click in each box below and select which description most accurately represents your overall proficiency for each named language. If your language proficiency is substantially better than one level but not consistently as good as the next higher level, select the appropriate "plus" level.

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Language	Speaking	Listening	Reading	Writing
GERMAN	2+	2	1+	1

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1. Elementary proficiency.
I can engage in simple face-to-face conversations on familiar topics. People often misunderstand me, but I am able to make myself understood to people used to dealing with nonnative speakers by repeating myself. I have a very simple vocabulary and make a lot of grammatical errors, but I am able to take care of a lot of survival needs such as greeting people, introducing people, telling people about myself, and asking for basic information. I can handle only basic business needs such as asking for or providing discrete information about hours of operation, how much things cost, simple directions to destinations, etc.

1+. Elementary proficiency.

2. Limited working proficiency.
I can handle informal conversations successfully. I can begin, continue, and bring to completion a variety of communication tasks. I can handle most everyday social conversation with some confidence, but not with ease, including casual conversations about current events, work, family, and autobiographical information. I can describe events occurring in the past, present, and future. I have control of everyday vocabulary sufficient to discuss general topics of a concrete nature.

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- 2+. Limited working proficiency.
- 3. General professional proficiency.
I can participate effectively and with ease in both formal and informal conversations on abstract and professional topics as well as practical and social topics. I can discuss my particular interests and fields of competence with ease. In conversation, I can answer objections, clarify points, justify decisions, state and defend policy, or give a briefing. I show some breadth of vocabulary. I make occasional errors with low frequency and complex language, but these almost never impede communication.
- 3+. General professional proficiency.

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Required information is:

- 3+. General professional proficiency.
- 4. Advanced professional proficiency.
I can speak the language fluently and accurately and with a high degree of effectiveness, reliability, and precision for all purposes within the range of my personal and professional experience and scope of responsibilities, even when communicating in sophisticated and demanding conversations. I can communicate effectively with varied audiences, purposes, tasks, and settings. If a nonnative speaker, I may exhibit a slight foreign accent, although this never disturbs the native listener.
- 4+. Advanced professional proficiency.
- 5. Educated native proficiency.
I speak the language as well as a highly articulate, well-educated, native speaker. I can use the language with complete flexibility and intuition, so that my speech on all levels is fully accepted by, and equivalent to, a well-educated native speaker in all of its features, including breadth of vocabulary, colloquialisms, and pertinent cultural references. My pronunciation is consistent with that of an educated native speaker of a standard dialect of the language.

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Detailed Skilled Self-Assessments (Parallels DDx559) Speaking

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Self-Appraisal Proficiency for: **ENGLISH** The ENGLISH assessment has been completed.

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Assessment Metric

- I can tell/ask someone how to get from here to the nearest hotel, restaurant, or post office.
- I can order a simple meal.
- I can negotiate for a hotel room or a taxi ride at a fair price.
- I can buy a needed item of clothing or a bus or train ticket.
- I can understand and respond correctly to standard questions about my nationality, marital status, occupation, date and place of birth, etc.
- I can introduce myself appropriately.
- I can take leave in a social situation (someone's house, an office, a conversation) appropriately.
- I can use the language well enough to assist someone who does not know the language in coping with the situations or problems covered in the previous statements.
- I can describe my present or most recent job in some detail.
- I can give detailed information about my family, my house, the weather today.

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- I can give detailed information about my family, my house, the weather today.
- I can hire an employee, or arrange for special services taking care of details such as salary, qualifications, hours, specific duties.
- I can give a brief autobiography and tell of immediate plans and hopes.
- I can describe the basic structure of the U.S. Government or of the U.S. educational system.
- I can describe the purpose or function of the organization I represent.
- I can understand what native speakers want to tell me on topics like those mentioned above, and they understand me (linguistically) at least 80% of the time.
- I can take and give simple messages over the telephone.
- I can describe the geography of the U.S. or a familiar location.
- I can describe in detail a person or place that is very familiar to me.
- I can discuss the parts of the body and general ailments afflicting them.

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- I can tell about a trip I took or some other everyday event that happened in the recent past.
- I can use the language well enough to assist someone else, who does not know the language, in coping with the situations or problems covered in statements 9-21.
- There are no grammatical features of the language that I try to avoid.
- I never find myself in the middle of a sentence I cannot finish because of linguistic limitations (grammar or vocabulary).
- I do not find it difficult to follow and contribute to a conversation among native speakers who try to include me.
- I am never afraid that I will misunderstand information given to me over the telephone.
- I can speak to a group of educated native speakers on a professional subject and be sure I am communicating what I want to, without my language skills amusing or irritating them.
- I can listen, take notes, and summarize accurately a speech or an informal discussion in my area of special interest, heard on the radio or over a public address system.
- I can (on a social occasion) defend U.S. attitudes toward culture, race relations, and foreign aid, from attack by an anti-American student or politician.

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- I can cope with such trying linguistic situations as broken-down plumbing, an undeserved traffic ticket, or a serious social or diplomatic blunder made by myself or a colleague.
- I can follow connected discourse on a non-technical subject, e.g., a panel discussion on the status of women.
- I feel that I have a professional command (rather than just a practical one) of the language.
- I can use the language to speculate at length about how some change in history or the course of human events would have affected my life or civilization, e.g., how our lives would be different without the invention of the computer.
- In professional discussion, my vocabulary is always extensive and precise enough to enable me to convey my exact meaning.
- I am able to alter my speech deliberately, depending upon whether I am talking to university professors, supervisors, subordinates, elders, close friends, employers, etc.
- I can serve as an informal interpreter for a U.S. senator or cabinet official on all diplomatic and social functions.
- I practically never make a grammatical mistake.
- I think I can carry out any job assignment as effectively in the language as in English.
- I can use the language sufficiently and effectively to convince a good friend to give up habits or behaviors that hurt them, such

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- I think I can carry out any job assignment as effectively in the language as in English.
- I can use the language sufficiently and effectively to convince a good friend to give up habits or behaviors that hurt them, such as smoking, overeating, etc..
- I can use the language sufficiently well to act as an interpreter for a high-ranking U.S. Government official making a state visit to the country where the language is spoken.
- Educated native speakers react to me as they do to each other.
- I speak the language in a way that does not suggest that I also speak English.
- I sometimes feel more at home in this language than in English.
- I can do mental arithmetic in the language without slowing down.
- My vocabulary is at least as extensive and precise as in English.
- I consider myself a well educated native speaker of the language.
- I have a broad grasp of the idioms, colloquialisms, and culture references used in the language.
- In discussions on all subjects, my vocabulary is always extensive and precise, allowing me to convey my exact meaning.

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