

GERMAN A2 Ask friend to take care of pet

Description of Test Task*

The task described here was provided by the renowned test institution telc (Germany). Telc test tasks have been subject to the ALTE auditing procedures. In the MERLIN project, all written learner productions were re-rated by especially trained telc raters who used the MERLIN rating grid. It should be noted that the descriptions below refer to these post hoc rating procedures, not to the original marking inside the test institutions.

Report on analysis of Writing
Target language of this test German
Target level (CEFR) of this test A2

Task number/name Schreiben, Teil 2, 1091-S10-060100

General Information - the whole original test

1	Total test time	105 minutes
2	Purpose	General proficiency

3 Examination background

High stakes test developed by telc.

4 Candidature

Adult language learners

5 Structure of the test

Listening, Reading, Writing, Speaking

General Information - the writing component

6	Number of tasks in the writing paper	2
7	Total component time	50 minutes (including the subtest Reading)
8	Integration of skills	Reading and writing

^{*}The original template for this grid was developed by ALTE members. www.alte.org

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9	Channel	Handwritten
10	CEFR level of this component	A2

11 The writing component format

Open writing task

12 Specific Information - example task

Candidates receive a short description of a contextualised communicative task such as writing a short email to a friend and asking for a favour. Four additional points help candidates structure their texts. Candidates are reminded to write an introduction to their text and a closing.

13 Mark distribution in MERLIN

n.a.

14 Task rating in MERLIN

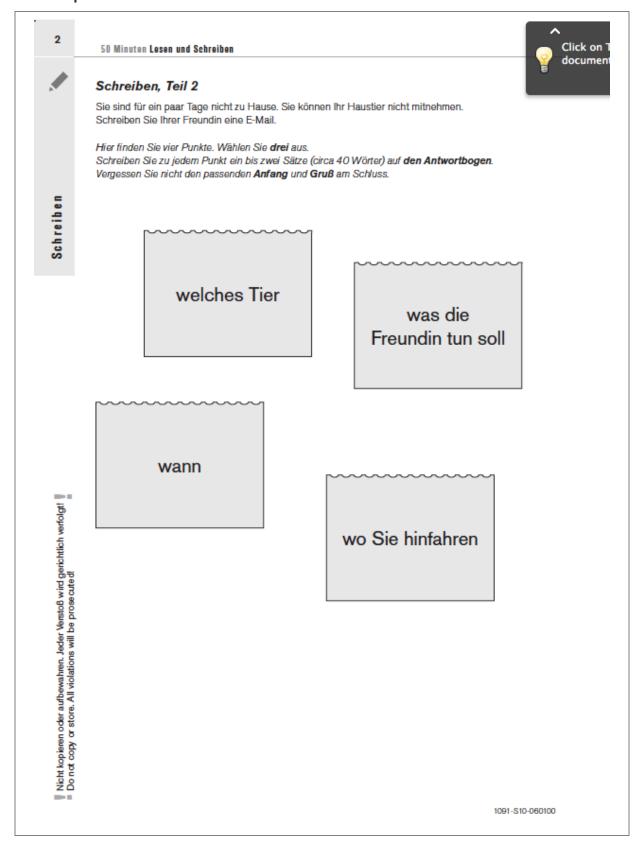
The test was rated on the basis of the MERLIN rating grid which is directly related to the CEFR levels. The grid is available on the MERLIN platform.

15 Effective level

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16 Sample task:





i) Task input/prompt		
17	Language of input/prompt	German
18	CEFR level of input/prompt	A2
19	Time permitted or suggested for this task	n.a. minutes
20	Control/guidance	Semi-controlled
21	Content	Specified
22	Genre	Email
23	Rhetorical function(s) of input	Describing, instructing
24	Imagined audience	Friend
25	Mode of input/prompt	Written
26	Topic or theme of input	House and home/environment
27	Integration of skills for input	Reading

ii) R	ii) Response (description of written response elicited by the prompt(s)/input)		
28	Number of words expected	n.a.	
29	Rhetorical function(s) expected	Asking somebody for a favour, explaining a simple problem, greeting	
30	Text purpose	Referential, conative, phatic	
31	Register	Unmarked to informal	
32	Domain	Private	
33	Grammatical competence expected	A2	
34	Lexical competence expected	A2	
35	Discoursal competence expected	A2	
36	Authenticity: situational	High	
37	Authenticity: interactional	High	
38	Cognitive processing	Reproduction of known ideas	
39	Content knowledge required	Personal/everyday life knowledge areas	

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iii) Rating of Task in the MERLIN project		
40	Known criteria	MERLIN rating grid
41	Task rating method	Analytical scale
42	Assessment criteria	Grammatical accuracy, vocabulary range & vocabulary control, coherence/cohesion, orthography, sociolinguistic appropriateness
43	Number and combination of raters	Each test was rated by a trained rater; 10% of the tests were double-rated. The double-ratings serve as a link to calculate a fair average, i.e. to adjust test results to rater severity/lenience. Please note that telc generally provides double-ratings.