

Vocabulary Quiz Competition

Students will assemble in a room furnished with tables or desks, and will be provided with a pencil and a copy of the quiz. Limit three students per class.

The quiz will consist of the following at each level [I, II, III, and IV]:

VERY IMPORTANT for LEVEL III and IV. The student **MUST** indicate whether they are in level III or IV. Please ask the student to be sure to write this on their quiz.

1. 50 words in the target language that are to be translated into English;
2. 25 words in English that are to be translated into the target language.
3. A short dictation or, in the case of Latin, a short sight translation into English

Students have 20 minutes to complete the test; if they finish early, they must remain in their seat, so as not to disturb the other students. When 20 minutes have elapsed, students will be told to "stop writing" and put down their pencils. Any students violating this rule will be eliminated from the competition

If any part of the test is ORAL [words being read aloud], the passage should be read twice. Requests by students for words to be repeated more than twice cannot be granted.

ALL mistakes [i.e. incorrect translations and incorrectly spelled words in either the target language and English] will cause an answer to be considered incorrect. In French, German, and Spanish, students must provide the appropriate DEFINITE ARTICLE when giving a noun in the target language [ie. book in French is le livre].

VERY IMPORTANT GRADING for level III or IV: The level III and IV students take the same quiz. Please judge the level IV students more strictly than the level III.

In the event of a tie, the student with fewer mistakes on the dictation (or sight translation for Latin) portion of the test will be declared the winner.

Vocabulary items will be appropriate to the level of the students and will be drawn from basic vocabulary lists. We realize and regret that not all students will be familiar with the exact same vocabulary. The precise format of the vocabulary quiz may vary slightly from language to language.

WHO MAY COMPETE: Only foreign language students who do NOT speak a cognate language may participate in this event. (Native and heritage speakers and speakers of any cognate languages may NOT participate.)

(Native and heritage speakers are defined as students who have been raised speaking the target language, or who have had one or more years of study in a school in which the working language is the same as that of the target language.)

(Cognate languages are ones that closely related to the language being tested, such as Portuguese speakers in Spanish contests. Speakers of cognate languages are excluded from the vocabulary quiz in the name of fairness and may not participate in this event.)

LIMITS: Maximum of three entries per class.