

Languages diagnostic test

Years 9–12

Conditions		
Supervised exam conditions	No dictionaries or online resources allowed. Tests should be handwritten.	
Time	60 minutes (with student notification of the task up to one week prior)	
Word Limit	French	Approximately 150 words
	German	Approximately 150 words
	Spanish	Approximately 150 words
	Japanese	200–300 characters. Please use genkoyoushi.
	Chinese	100–200 characters

Task

Write a letter in French/German/Spanish/Japanese/Chinese which provides a brief self-introduction and describes what you did during your last school holiday and what you are planning on doing in your next school holiday.

A variety of tenses (present, past and future), vocabulary and grammar patterns must be used to highlight your French/German/Spanish/Japanese/Chinese language abilities.

Note for Japanese diagnostics

Genkoyoushi can be downloaded freely from <https://happyilac.net/yousi-genko.html>. Please print the genkoyoushi and use it to handwrite your response. If you are unable to download the form, please contact the Head of Department, Languages.

Test submission

Submit completed test by email to: school_based@brisbanesde.eq.edu.au

Follow up conversation

Following submission of the Languages diagnostic test to BrisbaneSDE, students may be required to have a brief conversation in French/German/Spanish/Japanese/Chinese with the relevant BrisbaneSDE Language teacher. This will involve some follow up questions relating to the Languages diagnostic test, to assess the student's listening and speaking skills.