

UNIT (1): BASIC ASSESSMENT CONCEPTS

(Part 3)

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Types of Tests

3- Diagnosis tests

Diagnosis tests are tests that are used to assess what skills or aspects of the language programme a student has achieved or not achieved. They are used to diagnose students' strengths and weaknesses.

- **Diagnosis tests focus on systematic errors rather than randomly occurring mistakes.**

4- Aptitude tests

Aptitude tests are test written in an artificial language to measure students' probable performance in a foreign language which they have not studied yet.

- **Aptitude tests are written in an artificial language**

- What is the main difference between Aptitude and Proficiency tests? (as far as the used language is concerned)

Aptitude tests are written in an artificial language, while Proficiency tests are written in a real language.

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LANGUAGE APTITUDE TEST (1 hour)

I. The following sentences are in This Language (an invented language). Isolate the individual words and work out their meanings. Your analysis should be such that every segment of every sentence is assigned to some word; that is, when a sentence is broken up into words, there should be no residue:

- a. hi-tiacumya-? 'Is a cat listening carefully?'
- b. hi-tisno-sist? 'Is the little girl listening sleepily?'
- c. mya-tsno-hi-ti. 'The cat is listening sleepily.'
- d. sisacuhi-ti. 'A little girl is listening carefully.'

How does one express the following in This Language?

- 1. 'cat'? _____
- 2. 'little girl'? _____
- 3. 'carefully'? _____
- 4. 'sleepily'? _____
- 5. 'a'? _____
- 6. 'the'? _____
- 7. 'is listening'? _____

