

The Second Foreign Language Proficiency Test-Basic (SFLPT-Basic) The 2014 Test Report

The Second Foreign Language Proficiency Test-Basic (SFLPT-Basic) was developed in line with the Ministry of Education's policies on the teaching and learning of second foreign languages (Japanese, French, German and Spanish) in senior high schools and to meet the assessment needs of Taiwan's foreign language learners at the beginner level (CEFR A1-A2). The test consists of three sections: Listening, Vocabulary & Usage, and Reading. Scores on each section range from 0 to 40, and the maximum total score is 120.

• Examinee Background

The average age of the SFLPT examinees in 2014 was 18.1. The ratio of males to females was about 3:7 (see Table 1). Regarding examinee educational background, nearly 60% were senior high school students or graduates, and about 20% were college/university students or graduates (see Table 2). Approximately 65% took the test to learn how well they learned the language or school grade reference, while 29% of the examinees took the SFLPT for self-evaluation (see Table 3). Distribution of test takers by region and language is shown in the figures 1 and 2 below .

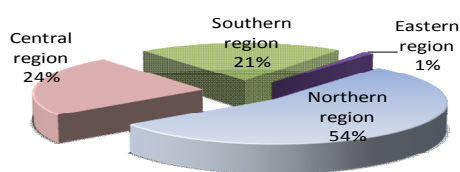


Figure 1

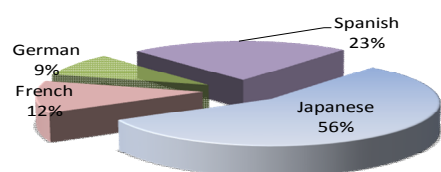


Figure 2

In terms of examinees' performance, 17% of the examinees achieved CEFR A2 level (a total score of 96 or higher) and 58% achieved CEFR A1 level (a total score of 60 or higher and each section score was above 13; see Table 4). Among examinees from the

Senior High School Advanced Placement Program, 26% achieved the A2 level, and 55% achieved the A1 level (see Table 5). The oldest examinee obtaining the A2 certificate was 45 years old (German) and the youngest 13 (Spanish). The oldest examinee obtaining the A1 certificate was 55 (Japanese) and the youngest 12 (Japanese).

• Japanese Test

Examinees of the Japanese test comprised 56% of the total test takers in 2014. Seventeen percent of the examinees achieved the A2 level, and 56% achieved the A1 level. The average total score was 74.5 (Listening 24.8, Vocabulary & Usage 23.1, and Reading 26.5; see Table 6). Forty-six percent were general senior high school students or graduates, and 29% were vocational high school students or graduates.

• French Test

Twelve percent of the examinees took the French test. Fourteen percent of examinees achieved the A2 level, and 62% achieved the A1 level. The average total score was 74.0 (Listening 24.0, Vocabulary & Usage 24.9, and Reading 25.1). Eighty-one percent were senior high school students or graduates.

• German Test

Nine percent of the examinees took the German test. Fifteen percent of the examinees achieved the A2 level, and 70% achieved the A1 level. The average total score was 77.8 (Listening 26.2, Vocabulary & Usage 25.7, and Reading 26.0). Eighty-one percent were senior high school students or graduates.

• Spanish Test

Twenty-three percent of the examinees took the Spanish test. Seventeen percent of the examinees achieved the A2 level, and 56% achieved the A1 level. The average total score was 74.7 (Listening 25.2, Vocabulary & Usage 24.0, and Reading 25.5). Sixty-six percent were senior high school students or graduates, and 26% were college/university students or graduates.

Table 1: Examinee Distribution by Gender

Gender	Japanese	French	German	Spanish	Total
Male	33%	30%	32%	32%	32%
Female	67%	70%	68%	68%	68%

Table 2: Examinee Distribution by Education Level

Education Level	Japanese	French	German	Spanish	Total
Junior high school	7%	12%	0%	7%	7%
Vocational high school	29%	2%	0%	1%	17%
General senior high school	46%	81%	81%	66%	58%
College/university or higher	18%	5%	19%	26%	18%

Table 3: Examinee Distribution by Purpose

Purpose	Japanese	French	German	Spanish	Total
Self-evaluation	32%	21%	24%	26%	29%
College admission	6%	5%	1%	6%	5%
School grade reference/ Assessing learning achievement	61%	73%	74%	65%	65%
Job application, promotion & others	1%	1%	1%	3%	1%

Table 4: Examinee Distribution by Achieved Level

Level	Japanese	French	German	Spanish	Total
A2	17%	14%	15%	17%	17%
A1	56%	62%	70%	56%	58%
Below A1	27%	24%	15%	27%	25%

Table 5: "Senior High School Advanced Placement Program" Examinee Distribution by Achieved Level

Level	Japanese	French	German	Spanish	Total
A2	33%	16%	13%	23%	26%
A1	45%	64%	74%	63%	55%
Below A1	22%	20%	13%	14%	19%

Table 6: Average Score by Test Section

Test Section	Japanese	French	German	Spanish	Total
Listening	24.8	24.0	26.2	25.2	24.9
Vocabulary & Usage	23.1	24.9	25.7	24.0	23.8
Reading	26.5	25.1	26.0	25.5	26.1
Total	74.5	74.0	77.8	74.7	74.8