

Graduate Thesis Assessment Rubric (Methodology, Linguistics)
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Title: **USING READERS WITH LOWER SECONDARY SCHOOL LEARNERS**

Length: 56

Text Length: 72

Assessment Criteria	Scale	Comments
1. Introduction is well written, brief, interesting, and compelling. It motivates the work and provides a clear statement of the problem. It places the problem in context. It presents and overview of the thesis.	Outstanding Very good Acceptable Somewhat deficient Very deficient	The Introduction Chapter is well-written; it contains statements of the research questions and a chapter by chapter outline of the work in its entirety.
2. Literature review is comprehensive and complete. It synthesizes a variety of sources and provides context for the research. It shows the author's understanding of the most relevant literature on the subject matter.	Outstanding Very good Acceptable Somewhat deficient Very deficient	The work demonstrates a great deal of research and investigation. I appreciate the variety and number of relevant resources the author uses. She presents the information in a logical, very understandable manner, enabling the reader to get an exact idea of the topic and the contents.
3. The methodology chapter provides clear and thorough description of the research methodology. It discusses why and what methods were chosen for research. The research methodology is appropriate for the identified research questions.	Outstanding Very good Acceptable Somewhat deficient Very deficient	The author provides clear background information on her research and explains when, where and how the research was carried out, and who its subjects were. Excellent help is provided by detailed activity plans with used materials in the appendices.
4. The results/data are analyzed and interpreted effectively. The chapter ties the theory with the findings. It addresses the applications and implications of the research. It discusses strengths, weaknesses, and limitations of the research.	Outstanding Very good Acceptable Somewhat deficient Very deficient	I found the Results and Commentary Chapter interesting to read. In general, the results are presented very systematically and the commentary is clearly differentiated.
5. The thesis shows critical and analytical thinking about the area of study and the author's expertise in this area.	Outstanding Very good Acceptable Somewhat deficient Very deficient	The author does a good job of incorporating the ideas of the sources into the main idea of the paper and the quoted information presented is effectively commented on.

<p>6. The text is organized in a logical manner. It flows naturally and is easy to follow. Transitions, summaries and conclusions exist as appropriate. The author demonstrates high quality writing skills and uses standard spelling, grammar, and punctuation.</p>	<p>Outstanding Very good Acceptable Somewhat deficient Very deficient</p>	<p>I particularly like the way in which, at the beginning of each chapter, there is a guide as to the chapter's contents. The chapters are on the whole rounded off as well.</p>
<p>7. The thesis meets the general requirements (formatting, chapters, length, division into sections, etc.). References are cited properly within the text and a complete reference list is provided.</p>	<p>Outstanding Very good Acceptable Somewhat deficient Very deficient</p>	<p>Technically speaking, the work conforms to the format required.</p>

Final Comments & Questions

Ms. Staňková has conducted a very interesting research. This thesis shows her researching abilities and her willingness to explore an area that interests her personally. The amount of time and energy the author invested in the preparation of materials and the research itself, as well as her enthusiasm and personal involvement is obvious from the whole work. As already mentioned above, the thesis is detailed, precise, coherent and carefully worked out. In my opinion it is **an excellent piece of academic writing** which I know required great effort on her part.

Questions:

What have you gained personally from doing this research?

Were there any obstacles you had to overcome? If so, which were the most difficult ones?



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