

Graduate Thesis Assessment Rubric
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Thesis Author: Jan Vysloužil
 Title: The use of short video clips in English language teaching
 Length: 65 pages
 Text Length: 51 pages

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	
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	<i>The author covers a number of issues that are connected to the topic of the thesis yet not of any immediate relevance (pp. 3-8; 13-20) The theory section has a breath but is short of depth and clear focus.</i>
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	<i>I miss information on the selection of the video clips and their length. What criteria were used to identify the clips? The research similarly to the theoretical chapter focuses in a few areas: preferences for selected video clips and students' preference for the use of video clips in English classes. Exploring just one area/issue extensively would have strengthened the thesis.</i>
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	
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	
6. The text is organized in a logical	Outstanding	

7. The thesis meets the general requirements (formatting, chapter's length, division into sections, etc.). References are cited properly within the text and a complete reference list is provided.	Very good Acceptable Somewhat deficient Very deficient	<i>The author doesn't use APA properly in text citations and references (e.g. use of capital letters, italics).</i>
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Final Comments & Questions

In this thesis, Mr. Vysloužil shows his ability to choose a topic, identify and review relevant literature, and conduct research that would provide him with insights into students' preferences for video clips. The thesis does bear some limitations; however, it sets ground for a discussion about the value of video clips in language teaching. It is for sure that it has helped Mr. Vysloužil to develop expertise in the use of video clips as valuable teaching tools in language teaching.

I suggest that the author is awarded the grade "Very good" for his thesis project.

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