

Graduate Thesis Assessment Rubric
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Thesis Author: Pavel Šamšula
 Title: Podpora mluvení v anglickém jazyce
 Length: 68 pages
 Text Length: 61 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 (e.g. L1 development, use of L1). The theory section has a breadth 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>The author describes his research process in a lot of detail; however, some of the information, especially the description of the various activities, included here could have been provided in the appendix. Also, the author's research questions (p. 17) could have been worded better, e.g. it isn't possible for the author to address objectively and directly his first research question about the value (effectiveness) of the games to support students' speaking. One time experience is no indication of the value of the activity. Too many issues are in play in developing speaking skills. Furthermore, the author doesn't indicate how he collected the info during his observations.</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	<i>I miss the author's commentaries on the data. Although he does include a section called 'východiscí aktivita', he only restates observed facts and doesn't discuss or interpret the activity itself from a language teaching perspective/theory.</i>

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 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.	Outstanding Very good Acceptable Somewhat deficient Very deficient	
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.	Outstanding Very good Acceptable Somewhat deficient Very deficient	<i>References do not follow APA consistently.</i>

Final Comments & Questions

Mr. Šamšula shows a lot of enthusiasm about the topic of her thesis. There is no doubt that Mr. Šamšula has a lot of knowledge about speaking activities/games and how they could be used in English language classes. However, the thesis comes across more like a compilation of different ideas and thoughts related to the topic of speaking and speaking activities.

The thesis bears lots of limitations as pointed out above. On the other hand, the author has made effort to complete the thesis and meet the thesis requirements. I suggest that Mr. Šamšula is awarded the grade "good" for his thesis project.

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