

To: English course Director. German Military Language School

From: Captain Jose Lopez

Subject:

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Once the English course is finished, and upon Director's request, here you are the things I would improve at the "Bundessprachenamt".

Let me first list the aspects, and after I will try to provide a solution to each of them:

- Accommodation building is far from the main building, where lessons take place.
- Teachers are not native speakers.
- Break time between lessons is not long enough.

I do really believe I am not the first, and I am not going to be the last, to state that the distance between lodging area and the school area is quite large. This point would not be an issue whether the school were located in Spain, close to the beach. Unfortunately, the school is in Germany, in a very nice and cozy village but in the middle of the Alps.

In second place, I have listed the lack of native speakers. Not only people from a country with English as native language, but also personnel with official teaching degree. A very effective solution could be an exchange program amongst different military language school. Each nation would send native teachers to all nations part of the program, and every nation would receive teachers from all the other nation members.

Finally, as important as the two previous, although it could sound like a joke, I want to highlight the time spent to go out the building between lessons. Nowadays, I am aware, smokers are not welcome anywhere. Is that the reason why the classroom is located on the top floor of a four story building without any elevator? It took me more than ten minutes, running up and down the stairs, to go out to smoke a cigarette, when the break time is just five minutes. I just ask for a new location for the classrooms. I saw few empty rooms at the ground floor.

I hope my recommendations will be taken into consideration; both, students and school staff will thank it very much.

Comment [B1]: This implies that the course has not yet finished, correct: "Now that the course has finished,"

Comment [B2]: Poor construction, correct: "I would like to outline some areas which could be improved"

Comment [B3]: Weak vocab, suggest: "weaknesses"

Comment [B4]: Weak vocab choice/meaning altered, suggest: "suggest"

Comment [B5]: Insert definite article 'the'

Comment [B6]: Insert 'very' for better cohesion.

Comment [B7]: Insert definite article 'the'

Comment [B8]: Poor word choice, correct: "if"

Comment [B9]: Poor collocation, correct: "Secondly"

Comment [B10]: Weak vocab, suggest: "mentioned"

Comment [B11R10]: Weak vocab, suggest: "mentioned"

Comment [B12]: Plural form required, correct: "degrees"

Comment [B13]: Poor word choice, correct: "between"

Comment [B14]: Plural form required, correct: "schools"

Comment [B15]: Poor syntax, correct: "each of the participating nations,"

Comment [B16]: Suggest: "each of"

Comment [B17]: Previous what? You need a noun here, suggest: "and as important as the two previous shortcomings/weaknesses/flaws,"

Comment [B18]: Poor syntax, correct: "I spent trying to get out"

Comment [B19]: Poor preposition, correct: "on"

Comment [B20]: Poor construction, correct: "would appreciate"

Tareas requeridas	Bueno	Parcial	Pobre	Posibles tareas del examen escrito	TAREA
					Comentario del corrector
					The incorporated tasks have not been completed with enough competence for the task; the suggestions are well formulated, but the other tasks barely feature, there is one incorrect attempted conditional and the analysis lacks a formal structure and is strung out through the text instead of having its own paragraph.
				DESCRIPCIÓN	
				NARRACIÓN	
				INSTRUCCIONES Y DIRECCIONES	
				RELATO DE HECHOS	
				FORMULACIÓN DE HIPÓTESIS	
				DEFENSA DE UNA OPINIÓN	
X	X		SUGERENCIA		
X		X	ANÁLISIS DETALLADO DE UNA SITUACIÓN		
					CONTENIDO
<div>Puntos fuertes</div> <p>You have used some very good constructions in places. There are also a few good collocations.</p>					
					CONTENIDO
<div>Puntos débiles</div> <p>There is a fundamental flaw in the way you produced this report; that is the prose structure you have adopted. You ought to have used subheadings and dealt with the analysis of the weaknesses in a paragraph. The way you have structured it seems more like an unofficial letter of complaint than a formal report. Look at Unit 8 of the manual for tips on format.</p>					
					PRECISIÓN
<p>A few errors with prepositions and construction but nothing with a pattern. There is repetition in errors with articles and also you need to take more care with plural and singular forms.</p>					

