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# INTERNATIONAL ENGLISH

Ways to determine the clearest communication among native and non-native English speakers within the University

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# WHAT IS INTERNATIONAL ENGLISH?

- A style of communication that enhances understanding for the most number of English language speakers (both native and non-native)
- Chooses language (diction) carefully
- States the “action” of a sentence clearly
  - The subject and verb are stated first
- Can be easily translated into other languages

# HOW WELL ARE WE COMMUNICATING AT PSU?

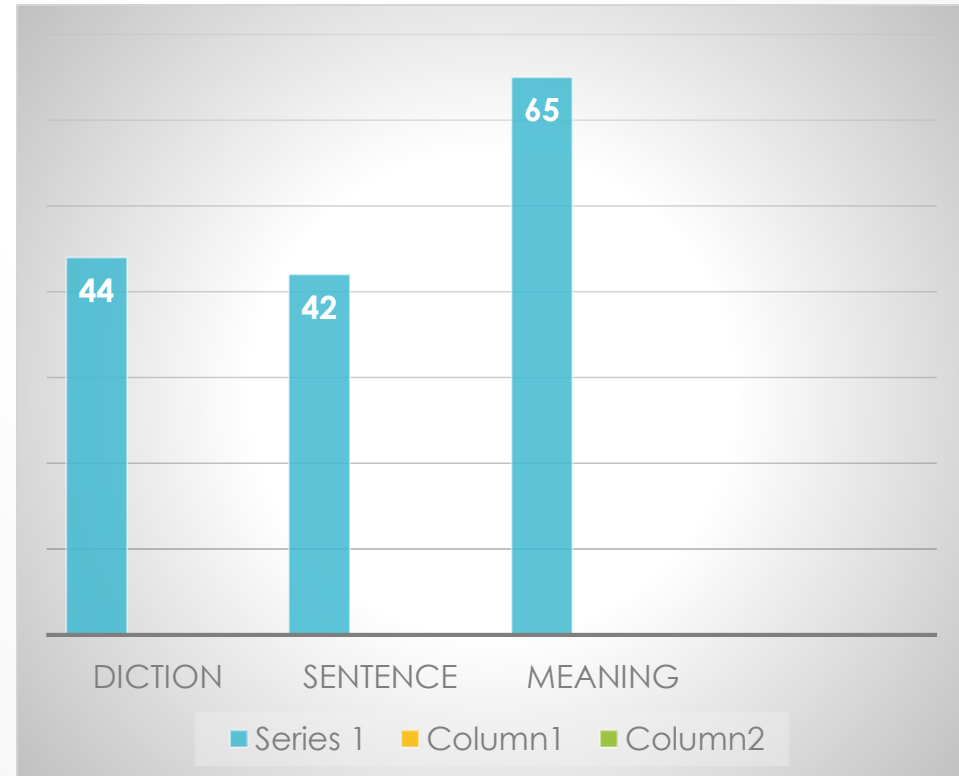
- ENGL 100 for International Students and ENGL 101 for International Students
- **A group of 23 students** volunteered to read and interpret 3 small passages from The Office of International Programs and Services web pages
- Passage 1: Copy on IPSO's home page
- Passage 2: Medical/Immunization instructions on Student Health Center web page
- Passage 3: Copy on University Housing web page

# THEIR ANSWERS

<b>Passage 1: Home page</b>	<b>Number of students indicating trouble</b>	<b>Passage 2: Immunizations</b>	<b>Number of students indicating trouble</b>	<b>Passage 3: University Housing</b>	<b>Number of students indicating trouble</b>
Diction	<b>7/15</b> (46%)	Diction	<b>3/8</b> (37%)	Diction	<b>4/8</b> (50%)
Sentence Structure	<b>6/15</b> (40%)	Sentence Structure	<b>4/8</b> (50%)	Sentence Structure	<b>3/8</b> (37%)
Overall Meaning	<b>9/15</b> (60%)	Overall Meaning	<b>6/8</b> (75%)	Overall Meaning	<b>5/8</b> (62%)

# WHAT DO THEIR ANSWERS TELL US?

- Students have more difficulty comprehending specific words than sentence structures and syntax
- Students who **did not** note difficulty with diction or sentence structure still note difficulty in the overall meaning of each passage



CAN INTERNATIONAL ENGLISH BE  
USEFUL AT PSU?