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INTERNATIONAL ENGLISH

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

By: Jordyn Bollinger

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?

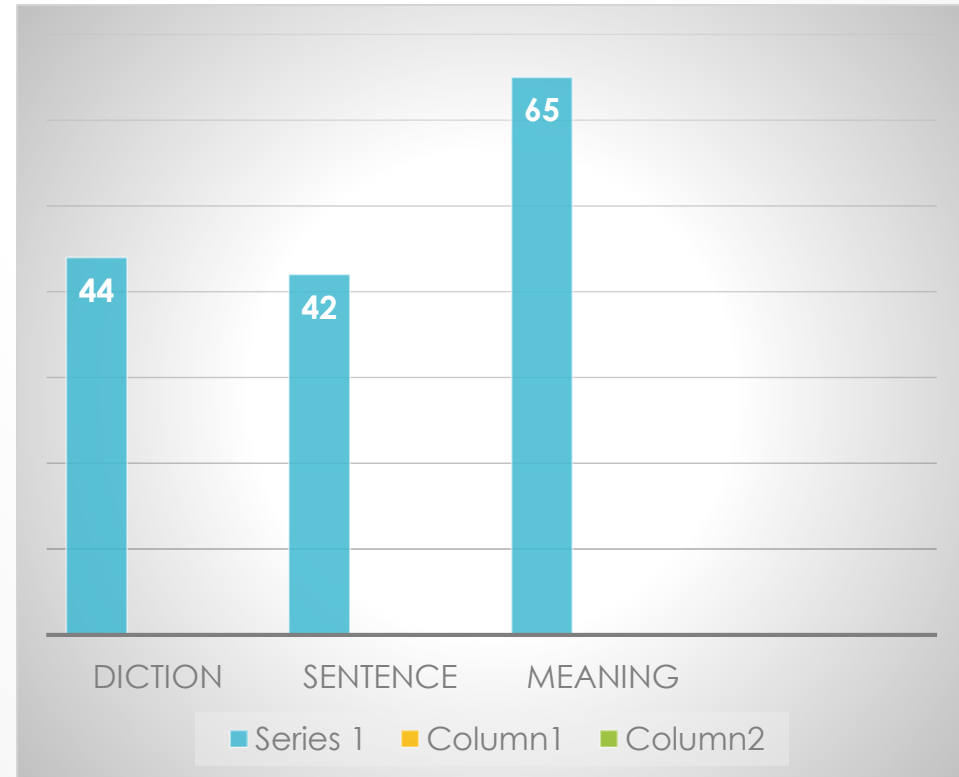
- ENGL 100 for International Students and ENGL 101 for International Students
- **A group of 23 students** volunteered to read and interpret 3 small passages from The Office of International Programs and Services web pages
- Passage 1: Copy on IPSO's home page
- Passage 2: Medical/Immunization instructions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

THEIR ANSWERS

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