## Incorporate regular assessments into your sustainment routine.

Sustaining language proficiency requires a routine. If you know what to do on a <u>daily</u> and <u>weekly</u> basis, you're more likely to... well, do it.

If you don't have a routine yet, or your existing routine is feeling stale, it might be time for an assessment. **The CL-150 Platform includes open, online assessments in 23 languages\*.** You can take any of these assessments anytime (whether it's your primary language or not.)



## What's the test like?

Taking about one hour to complete, the tests measure general proficiency in reading or listening comprehension. While the scores are only for self-assessment, **the tests mirror what you might find on a DLPT**, determining your readiness for duties that require a broad range of relevant skills.

The test design is based on a computer-adaptive, multi-stage testing model[1].[2]

that is more reliable than a traditional computer-adaptive test. **The test adjusts as you take it**, presenting test questions at or near your proficiency level, rather than questions so easy or difficult that they provide no useful information about your capabilities.

## I took the test. Now what?

For each language you're maintaining, we recommend taking the available assessments every six months and fine-tuning your sustainment routine accordingly. That includes:

• Enrolling in level-appropriate materials. If you're enrolled in an ILR 2+ Cohort lesson stream, but you now test at an ILR 3, it's time to enroll in the next level up. (And if you're

- not enrolled in a Cohort lesson stream, now you'll know which is right for you!)
- Focusing on the right modality. If you're sustaining a R2+/L2+, but the tests indicate you're now a R3/L2, you know you want to spend more time working on your listening skills.
- **Informing your program manager.** As you test, you can communicate your new scores to your program manager so he or she can assign you a mentor or provide additional assistance if needed.

Incorporating informal assessments are a regular part of your sustainment routine ensures there will be no surprises on your next formal assessment.

Want to explore our assessments and other learning features for sustainment? Attend a new user orientation or visit the <u>CL-150 Training Kit</u> to explore on-demand help materials.

\*Note that the diagnostic assessments for Arabic and Farsi due to Adobe discontinuing Flash. None of the open proficiency tests will be impacted.

[1] Luecht & Nungester, 1998;

[2] Luecht, 2000