

Graduate Thesis Assessment Rubric (Methodology)

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Title: **USING APPS TO IMPROVE ENGLISH LEARNERS' LISTENING SKILLS**

Length: 66

Text Length: 42

<i>Assessment Criteria</i>	<i>Scale</i>	<i>Comments</i>
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	The Introductory Chapter gives the author's reasons of her choice of this research; it clearly sets the research goals and contains a chapter by chapter outline.
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	The author reviews a wide range of relevant ideas associated with her research; she discusses their history, values and pedagogical functions in teaching. However, one would expect some pedagogical and psychological aspects about the researched group to be provided.
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	This chapter is complex and informative; carefully written and provides a full image of the research procedure. The chosen research tools are appropriate to the nature of the investigation. However, the cross-reference links to the Appendices are missing.
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	The author presents her findings in an organized manner, wherever possible she uses visual support to supplement her text. The summaries of the major findings at the end of each section give readers better awareness of the results.
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	Overall, this work is clearly written. I particularly like the way in which, at the beginning of each chapter, there is a guide as to the chapter's contents. The chapters are on the whole rounded off as well.

<p>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.</p>	<p>Outstanding Very good Acceptable Somewhat deficient Very deficient</p>	<p>Technically speaking, the work is very well presented and in the correct format.</p>
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Final Comments & Questions

On the whole, this is a detailed, precise, coherent and carefully worked out piece of work which shows both the author's researching abilities as well as her willingness to follow-up on an area of research that interests her personally. In conclusion, I would like to congratulate Ms. Krumlová on producing an excellent piece of academic work which I know required a great effort on her part.

I would like the author to address the following questions during her defense:

Could you summarize the main criteria teachers should take into account when using mobile apps to develop listening skills in their English classes?

What did you find the most beneficial about the project and why?

Were there any obstacles you had to overcome? If so, which were the most difficult ones?

I suggest that the author is awarded the grade "excellent".

Reviewer: Mgr. Danuše Hurtová

Date: 1st September, 2017

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