

DLPT

(Defense Language Proficiency Test)

The DLPTs are designed to assess the general language proficiency in reading and listening of native speakers of English who have learned a foreign language as a second language. All DLPTs, prior to the creation of the DLPT5s, measure Lower-Range proficiency, as defined by the Interagency Language Roundtable (ILR) Skill Level Descriptions, levels 0+ to 3. The DLPT5s for some languages include both Lower-Range and Upper-Range tests, while other languages have only Lower-Range tests. A Lower-Range test measures ILR proficiency levels 0+ to 3, while an Upper-Range test measures ILR proficiency levels 3 to 4. Thus, DLPT5s measure proficiency as defined by the ILR Skill Level Descriptions, levels 0+ to 4. DLPT5s for languages with large linguist populations are multiple-choice, and DLPT5s for languages with small linguist populations are constructed-response. All DLPTs will be delivered on computer.