

I already have language skills. Do I have to take the placement test?

I have **already attended** language courses at the ZFA.

Please read the following document: [I have already attended language courses at the ZFA.](#)

I have **not attended** any language course at the ZFA yet.

You need to take the placement test, **even if you only have a little knowledge** of the language you want to study. It does not matter where you acquired your language skills, either:

a) I am a heritage language speaker.

A heritage language is a language that was predominantly acquired in an unguided manner. This means that the language was not learnt in a language course, but through contact with the speakers of this language. The speakers are often your own parents (or one parent) or other family members who have the language as their mother tongue.

If you have learnt or acquired the language in this way, you are a heritage speaker, even if you only speak or (passively) understand the language in a rudimentary way, **and have to take the placement test.**

b) I have spent some time abroad.

If you have spent time abroad in a country where the language you would like to learn is spoken, please take the placement test.

We would also ask you to take our placement test if you have already completed a course at the ZFA and then spent time abroad to continue learning the language.

c) I took a course at another language centre.

If you have completed a language course at another language centre **within the last two semesters**, please send confirmation of attendance **at least two weeks before the last placement date** to anna.timukova@rub.de.

d) I already hold a language certificate.

If you have already obtained an international standardized language certificate, please go to [I already hold a language certificate](#).

e) Is the High School Diploma a sufficient proof of my language skills?

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