

Unit 7

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Unit 7: Evaluation

Task 1: Multiple choice¹

Question 1

Complete the following sentence: The aim of any evaluation is to...

- a) show you know more than someone else.
- b) check an endeavour is meeting its goals.
- c) improve the original as you see fit.
- d) provide an objective description.

Question 2

What does a formative evaluation aim to do?

- a) Assess the final result.
- b) Check the experience of persons with sight loss (PSL).
- c) Impose your ideas on another person's work.
- d) Improve the final result.

Question 3

What does a summative evaluation aim to do?

- a) Assess the final result.
- b) Improve the final result.
- c) Impose your ideas on another person's work.
- d) Check the experience of PSL.



¹ The responses are based on the ADLAB PRO core videos. Only one answer is correct.



Question 4

Which of the following is not a stakeholder in AD quality?

- a) AD users.
- b) Audio describers.
- c) The venue.
- d) People who are D/deaf or hard of hearing.

Question 5

Complete the following sentence: The dry run is an example of...

- a) Embedded evaluation.
- b) Summative evaluation
- c) Criticising your co-describer.
- d) A vocal warm up.





Unit 7: Evaluation

Task 2

Aim(s):

 Learners can list 6 macrocriteria on which quality in live AD can be evaluated and 2 deviations from each of those criteria.

Grouping: individual, small groups.

Approximate timing: 30 minutes for the class presentation, with 90 minutes preparation prior to the class.

Material and preparation needed:

- Writing materials.
- Handout for Task 4.
- Recommended reading: Fryer, Louise and Amelia Cavallo (2018)
 Integrated Access Inquiry 2017-18 Report. Extant, retrieved
 from

http://extant.org.uk/docs/uploads/Extant_Integrated_Access_R eport_2018_Full_Length.docx

Recommended reading: Fryer, L. (2019). Quality Assessment in Audio description: Lessons learned from Interpreting. In E. Huertas-Barros, S. Vandepitte & E. Iglesias-Fernández (Eds.), Quality Assurance and Assessment Practices in Translation and Interpreting, (pp. 155-177). Hershey: IGI-Global.

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Development:

Ask learners to read relevant literature about quality in AD and give a short presentation about what to listen/look out for at a dry run. It may be useful to use the handouts and for groups of learners to divide the macro criteria between them.



Unit 7: Evaluation

Task 3

Aim(s):

- Learners can deliver constructive criticism of their own and other people's AD.
- Learners can amend their own work in response to peer/teacher/user evaluation or feedback.

Grouping: pairs.

Approximate timing: 30 minutes.

Material and preparation needed:

- Additional video for Unit 1 (AV AV_M3_U1_1).
- AD Scripts written for Tasks in Unit 4.
- Evaluation sheets in the handout.
- Recommended reading: Chapter 6 (pp. 81 84): Fryer, L. (2016)
 An Introduction to Audio Description: A Practical Guide. London:
 Routledge.

Development:

Ask pairs of learners to use the evaluation sheets to assess their own and their peer's AD scripts created in Task 4.2.

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Additional comments:

As a group discuss any differences between self- and peer evaluation and the extent to which learners were influenced by the professional description. As a follow up ask learners to amend their scripts and repeat the self-evaluation process, noting how their scripts had changed.



Unit 7: Evaluation

Task 4

Aim(s):

 Learners can amend their work in response to peer/teacher evaluation.

Grouping: pairs.

Approximate timing: 15 minutes.

Material and preparation needed:

- Additional video for Unit 1 (AV_M3_U1_1).
- Revised scripts written for Task 2 in Unit 4.
- Evaluation sheets in the handout for Task 4.

Development:

Ask learners to present their amended scripts to the class and explain where and why they amended their AD.

Additional comments:

As a follow up, learners could comment on how evaluation criteria might differ for screen AD.



Task 4: Handout 1

Evaluation sheets: 1. Accuracy

Criterion	Band	Effectiveness of	AD ref.	Ability
		visual		
		information		
		conveyed		
Accuracy The quality of faithfully conveying the	6	The visual information was delivered accurately with intended effect.		Complete understanding of the needs of users
visual information of the Source Text (ST) with sepsemantic and pragmatic equivalence sepice. reproducing the same meaning and intended effect	5	The visual information was generally delivered with intended effect but a few minor deviations from the source text were found, which did not significantly affect the overall meaning or coherence.		Good understanding of the needs of users
Deviations from accuracy should be considered in terms of the effect on the coherence/logic and faithful rendering of the message Examples of	4	The visual information was mostly delivered but some deviations from the source text with an impact on the meaning and effect but coherence was maintained.		Adequate understanding of the needs of users
deviations: omissions, additions, and unjustifiable changes of the meaning; failure	3	The message was delivered inaccurately with many deviations from the source text and coherence was		Inadequate understanding of the needs of users





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to convey the emotion or		compromised.			
visual impact of					
the scene; poor	_	Th	_		D
use of pronouns	2	The message wa			Poor
leading to		delivered inaccu	-		understanding
confusion.		with serious dev			of the needs of
		from the source			users
		and incoherence	2.		
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	1	The interpreted			Very limited
		message was			understanding
		incoherent and			of the needs of
		completely			users
		inconsistent wit	h the		
		source text.			
	Mark				/6



Task 4: Handout 2

Evaluation sheet: 2. Language

Criterion	Band	Linguistic Quality	AD ref	Ability
		of AD		
The quality of faithfully conveying the message of the ST in language that is vivid, succinct and appropriate.	6	Excellent use of language with no linguistic errors and vivid & appropriate expressions.		Excellent language proficiency
Deviations should be considered in terms of the effect on the rendering of the message, making it	5	Very good use of language using appropriate expressions with a few minor linguistic errors that do not hinder immediate appreciation of the ST.		Very good language proficiency
unclear, ambiguous or hard to understand. Examples of deviations: Uneconomic use of language;	4	Good use of language with very few linguistic errors that hinder immediate comprehension. A few minor inappropriate target language expressions were found.		Good language proficiency
clumsy language use (cacophony); grammatical errors; inappropriate use of pronouns; poor	3	Adequate use of language with some linguistic errors that hinder comprehension and some inappropriate expressions		Adequate language proficiency



word order; Use of anachronisms; or language that is bland or inaccurate.	2	Inadequate use of language with many linguistic errors. Inappropriate words and expressions were consistently found.	Inadequate language proficiency
	1	Poor language use. Difficult to understand with inappropriate choice of words and expressions.	Poor language proficiency
	Mark		/6





Task 4: Handout 3

Evaluation sheet: 3. Synchrony

Criterion	Band	Quality of AD Ability		
		Timing		
Synchrony	6	Excellent timing with no deviations.	Excellent timing	
The AD was successfully woven around the dialogue, music and sound effects.	5	Very good timing with very few deviations.	Very good timing	
errects.	4	Good timing with a few deviations.	Good timing	
Examples of deviations:				
talking over dialogue or important sound effects;	3	Adequate timing with a few deviations	Adequate timing	
describing too soon or too late (asynchronously); giving away the plot.	2	Inadequate timing with frequent deviations.	Inadequate timing	
	1	Poor timing with frequent deviations.	Poor timing	
	Mark		/6	
Total Mark		/24		



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