

Tips for Comprehension Tests

1. Do not conceive° of a comprehension test as oral language use. Consequences:
 - Always use **full forms** (I am, it does not, etc.), never use contracted forms (I'm, it doesn't, etc.)
 - **Do not use informal or substandard° language** in your texts (unless unavoidable°)
 - **Avoid unnecessary words** and phrases° (e.g. sort of, like, I think, etc.)
 - Always formulate **complete sentences**

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*umgangssprachlich
unvermeidbar
Ausdrücke*
2. Before reading the text, **read through all the question** in order to be prepared to recognise relevant passages.
3. Make sure you do not use material in one answer that—in the manner the questions are put (they may be overlapping)—belongs into another.
(Before starting with the writing, read through all the questions again.)
4. When defining and explaining words:
 - Make sure you do not use the word you want to define in the definition
 - Give a second or third alternative only if you are sure that it is correct
5. Since your language counts as much as your thoughts about the topic: write elaborately° and show off° your mastery° of the language!

*ausgearbeitet, wohldurchdacht
prahlen, angeben; Beherrschen*