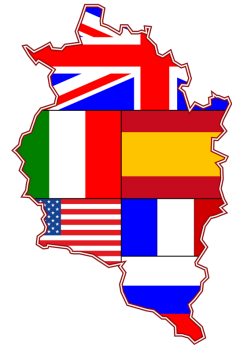# English-AHS-CONTEST 2025

WIFI Dornbirn
Monday, February 24th, 2025, 08:30 – 12:30

Format

1. Conditions of Participation

See application form ("Teilnahmebedingungen").

2. Procedure

Round 1: PANEL DISCUSSION

- **Preparation time** (15 minutes): Candidates are provided with the discussion topics. In addition, each candidate receives a particular question he /she is supposed to refer to in a one-minute opening statement at the beginning of the panel discussion.

- **Panel discussion** (10 – 15 minutes): Each group consists of 3 - 4 candidates. The discussion is introduced with a short **opening statement** by each candidate (see above) and is moderated by a native speaker.

- The **8 best candidates** move on to round 2.

Round 2: SELF-PRESENTATION and SPEECH

- **Preparation time** (10 minutes): For their speech the candidates are offered two topics they can choose from. Together with their topics, they are also given bullet points, which they are supposed to cover in their speeches.

- Round 2 starts with short **self-presentations** (about 1 minute long), in which the candidates talk about the meaning of languages in their lives. After this, they continue with their **speeches** (about 3 minutes).

- The **3 best candidates** move on to the final round.

Round 3: ROLE-PLAY

- **Preparation time** (10 minutes)

- **Role-Play** (5 minutes): The remaining three candidates individually take part in a role-play with a native speaker.

3. Assessment Criteria

Contents:
Variety of ideas and arguments, knowledge of subject, relevance, persuasiveness, coherence, awareness of audience, coverage of bullet points (speech)

Fluency and interaction:
social competence, interacting, reacting, taking initiative, identifying with a certain role

Spectrum of spoken language:
register, range of vocabulary and constructions, idiomatic expressions

Accuracy:

vocabulary, grammar, pronunciation, intonation

These criteria are based on the "Analytischer Beobachtungsbogen – B2".

4. Topics

Examples of last year's topics are attached below ("Topics Contest 2024").

5. Our Team

Moderator: Bronwyn Konrad

Jury: not decided yet

Organizer: Mag. Susanne Dalpra
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TOPICS AHS-E-CONTEST 2024:

Round 1: PANEL DISCUSSION

Today's generation as well as the ones before have heard it again and again: „Everything used to be better."

But do you agree? Was everything better in the good old days when your grandparents were your age? Or is it just that some people tend to see everything in the past through rose-coloured glasses? And why is that so?

Discuss the following aspects and whether they have changed for the better or the worse:

- technology
- relationships
- being a child / teenager
- school and education
- traffic and travelling

Before the discussion gets started, give a one-minute statement on the one aspect you've received.

Round 2: SPEECH

Prepare a short self-presentation (about 1 minute long), in which you talk about **the role of languages in your life.**

After this, continue with your speech (3 - 4 minutes).

For your speech choose **one** of the following topics below.

You may, of course, also add your own ideas in your speech, but you need to cover the following points:

Topic 1

Traditions in your life
- importance of traditions in general
- traditions in your country/region/religion...
- family traditions
- role of traditions in the future

Topic 2

Artificial intelligence
- own experience
- pros
- cons
- speculation on the future

Round 3: ROLEPLAY

You have 10 minutes to prepare yourself for a five-minute-role-play with our moderator.

It's one of those days

Today is not your day! Not only are you about 10 minutes late for class, but you've also forgotten your presentation for today's lesson.

Luckily your very strict teacher has got a soft spot for you and lets you explain why you are late and not prepared for the lesson. Now you have to come up with a very good explanation to avoid detention as well as a bad mark in your favourite subject.