



Is there a minimum level of English proficiency to teach in a university EMI context?

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Outline

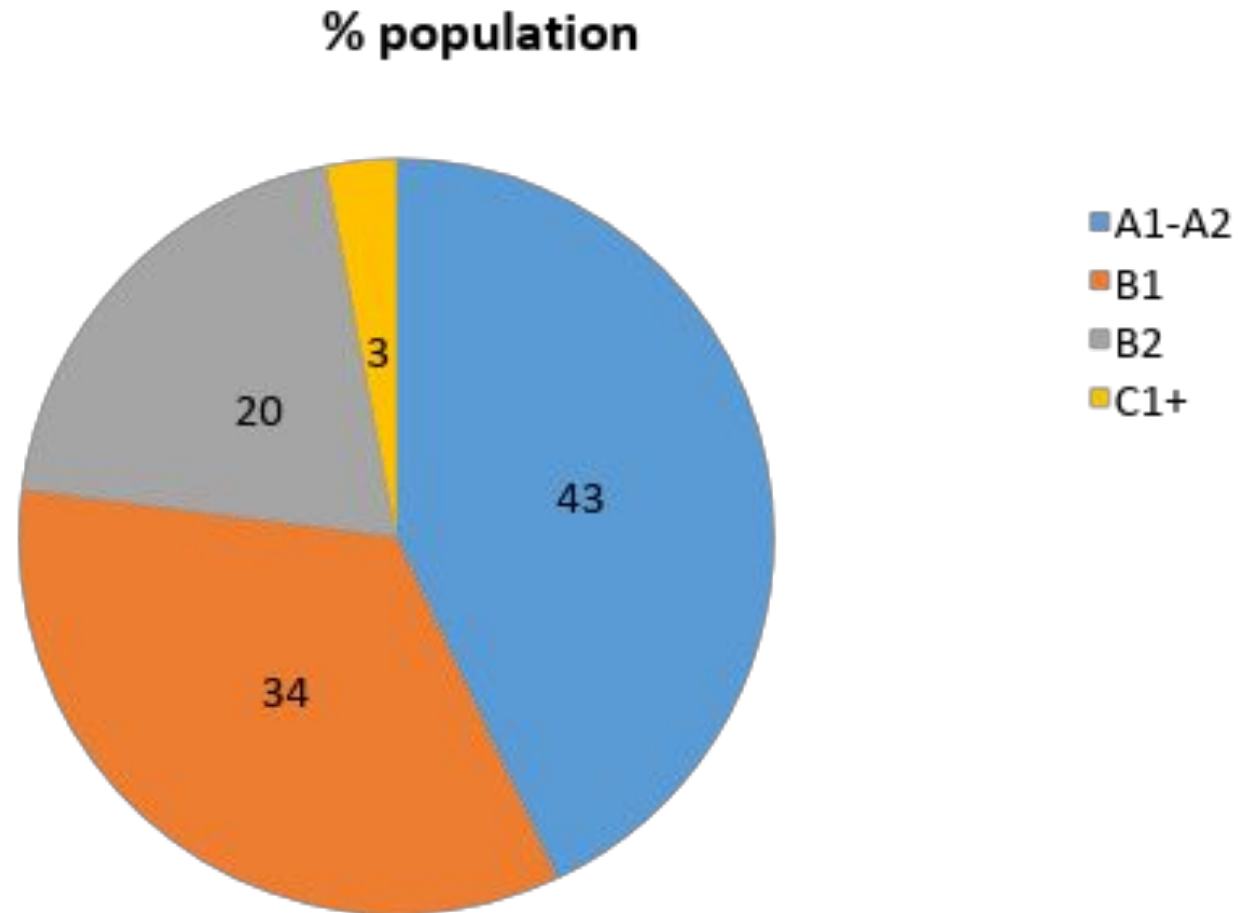
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I. EMI in Brazil

Just getting started

- Growth seems to coincide with “Ciência sem Fronteiras” STEM mobility program (2011)
- Important to note private vs. public university differences
- Mostly in post-graduate programs
- Many barriers: dubious incentives, unclear purpose, proficiency concerns

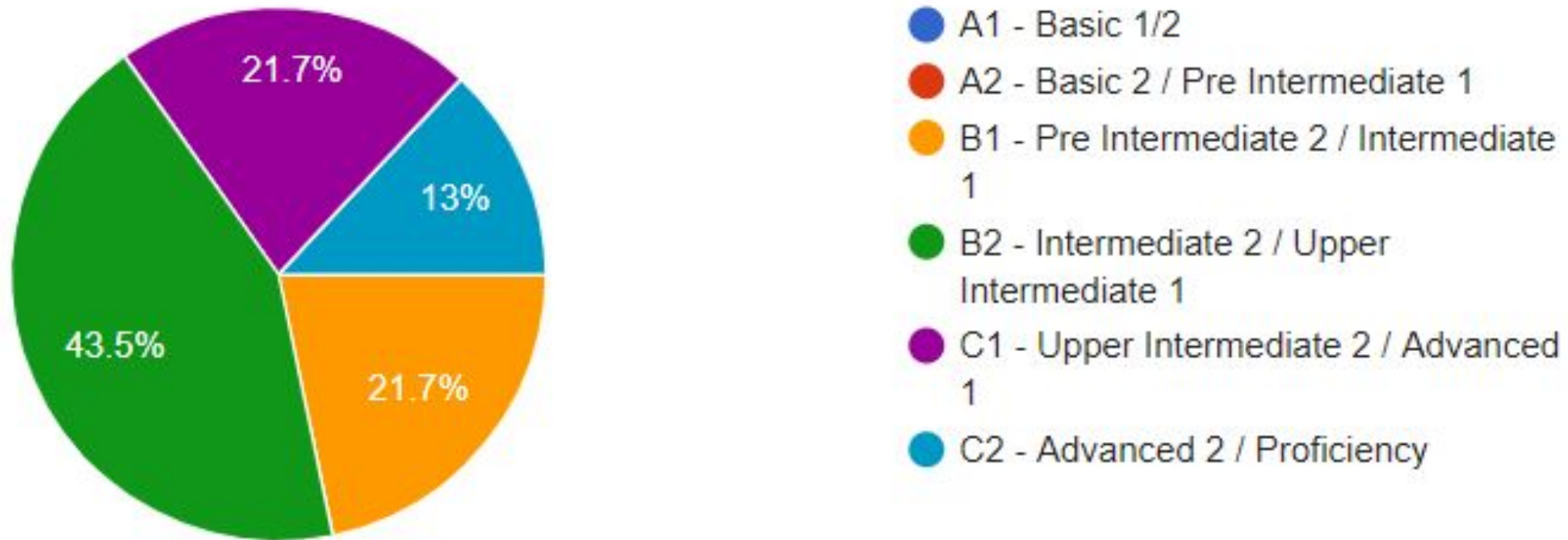
CEFR: relative proportions (Brazil)



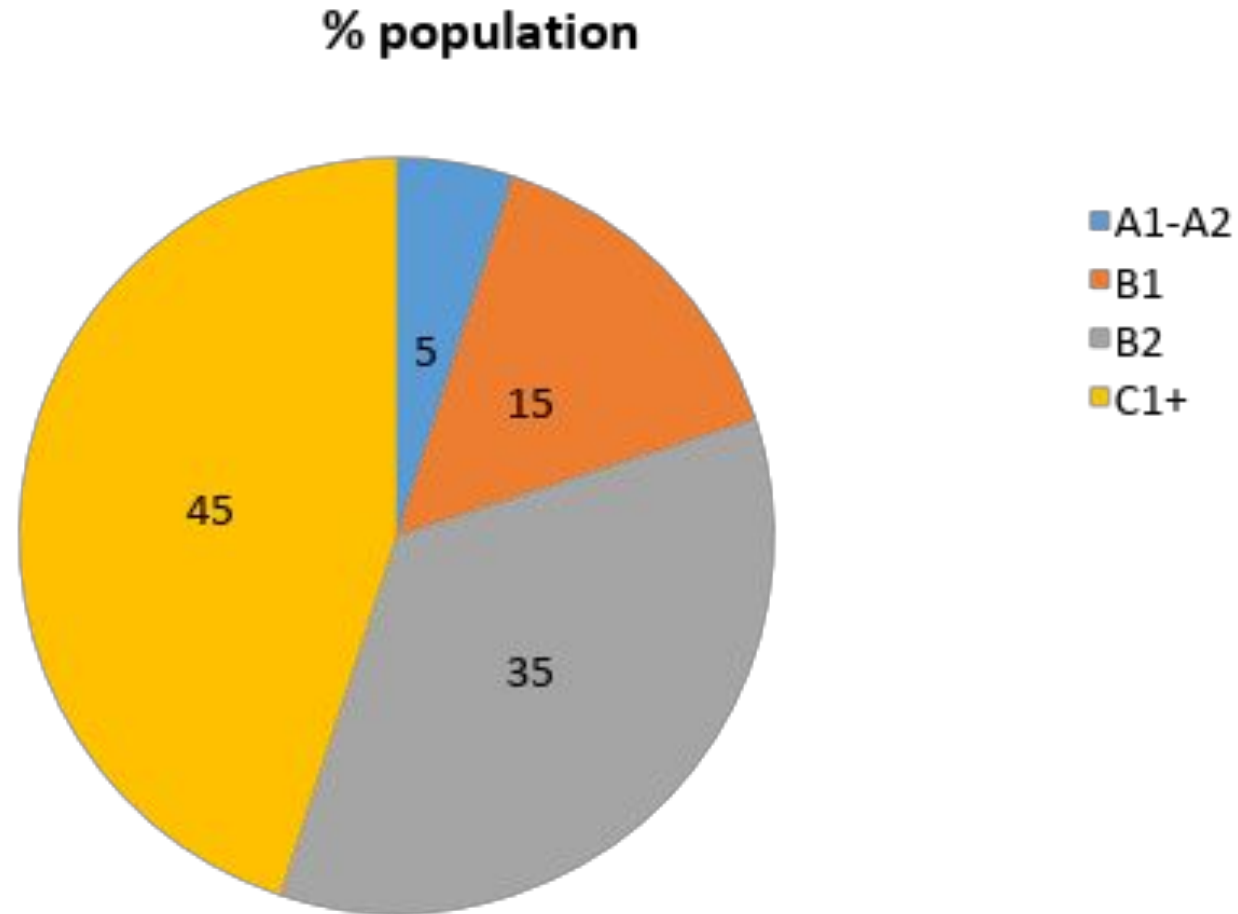
SOURCE: scores of 400,000 TOEFL iTP tests (2012-2016)

From EMI course at UFPR (2018)

What do you consider your current level?



Comparison: Leiden University (Netherlands)



SOURCE: Klaassen & Bos (2010)

II. Research Question

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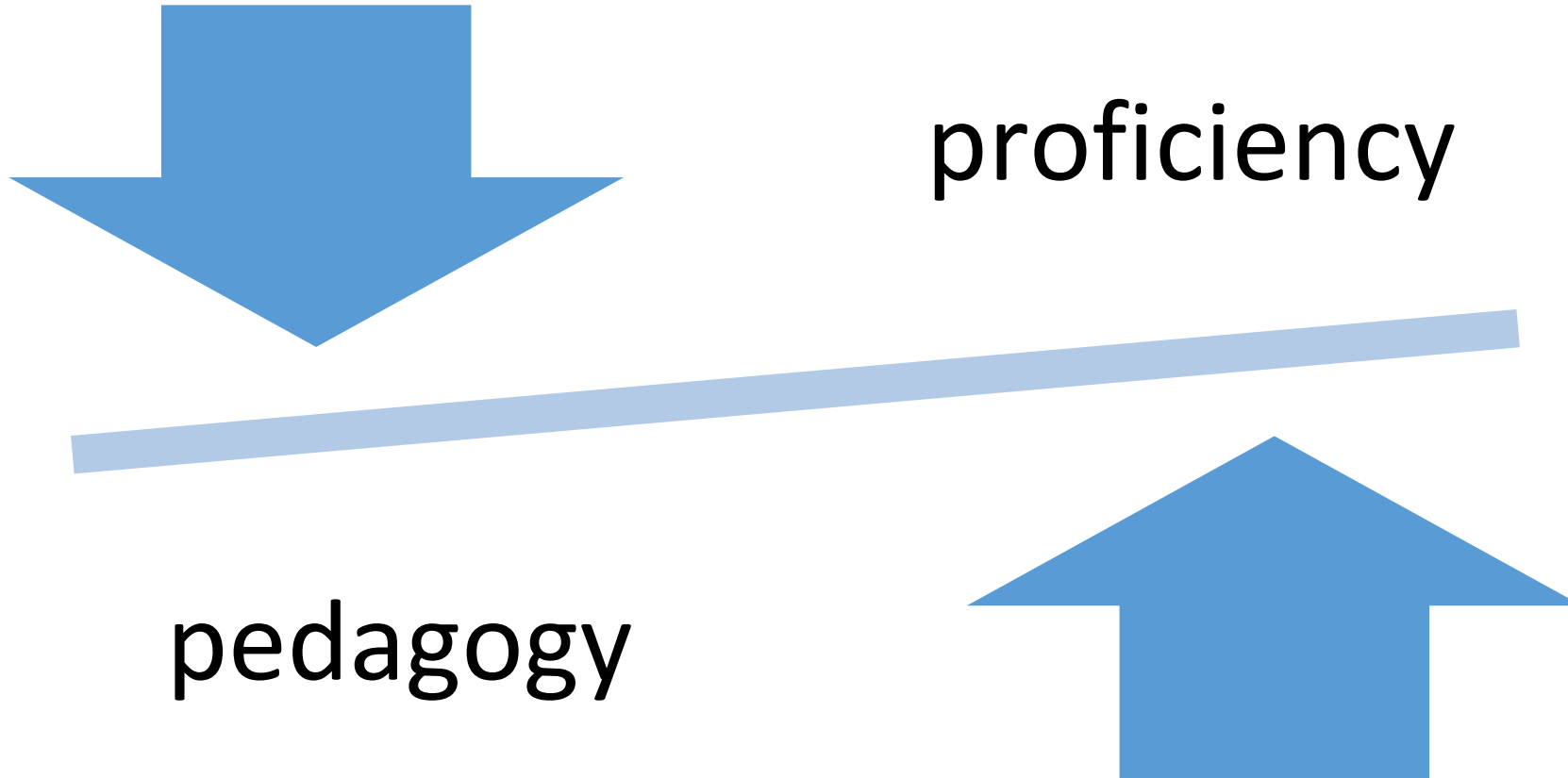
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Research question

Is there a threshold of English proficiency, below which teaching in an EMI context becomes too burdensome for the EMI lecturer and/or students?

III. Relevant literature

Tricky...



Point of reference: ITAs in USA

- Listening scores seem to correlate most with student ratings (Wagner, 2016), though overall correlations are mostly weak.
- Both “construct-relevant” and “construct-irrelevant” factors can affect ratings of ITAs (e.g. Schmidgall, 2013).
- Pedagogy (esp. active methodologies) can affect ratings (Kang, Rubin & Lindemann, 2014).
- Sharing an L1 may (e.g. Bent & Bradlow, 2003) or may not (Kang, Thomson & Moran, 2018) may positively affect comprehension.

IV. Method

Participants

- 26 Brazilian lecturers from different disciplines (final n=22)
- 30 Brazilian postgraduate students
- 10 International students in Brazil
- 4 native speakers of English

Instruments

- Linguaskill test (Cambridge Assessment English)
- Pre-course questionnaire (lecturers)
- Pre-course questionnaire (students)
- Test of Oral English Proficiency for Academic Staff (TOEPAS, University of Copenhagen) – with minor adaptations

Lecturer questionnaire: sample items

- What year did you start teaching in higher education?
- Have you been trained in teaching methods before? If so, please describe:
- Have you taught a course ("disciplina") in English before?
- Please tell us more about your English learning experience. (For example, have you studied all your life? Have you spent time in an English-speaking country?)
- What do you consider your current English level?
- “My current English level is enough to teach through EMI.”
- Why do you want to teach your classes in English?

Why TOEPAS? (Test of Oral English Proficiency for Academic Staff)

- Only instrument specifically designed to rate EMI lecturers
- Already thoroughly validated (e.g. Kling & Staehr, 2012; Kling & Dimova, 2015)

	Fluency	Pronunciation	Vocabulary	Grammar	Interaction
5	Equivalent to a highly articulate, well-educated native speaker				
4	<p>Speech is produced smoothly, coherently and effortlessly</p> <p>Can produce extended speech, using a wide range of discourse markers and connectors, without unnatural language-related pauses/hesitations</p> <p>Speech rate is appropriate</p>	<p>Although L1 accent may be perceptible, this causes virtually no strain to the listener and does not impede effective communication</p> <p>Produces almost all phonological contrasts with good accuracy</p> <p>Places stress correctly, and uses intonation to convey a range of pragmatic meanings</p>	<p>Broad range of general, academic and domain-specific vocabulary for effective communication</p> <p>Good command of formulaic language</p> <p>Consistently correct and appropriate use of vocabulary</p> <p>Can vary vocabulary to convey nuances of meaning</p>	<p>Consistently displays a high degree of grammatical accuracy in both simple and complex structures</p>	<p>Responds appropriately and effectively to questions/comments without language-related hesitation</p> <p>Fully capable of interactively negotiating meaning through comprehension checks, clarification requests or confirmation checks</p> <p>Fully capable of dealing with unclear questions or misunderstandings when necessary</p>
3	<p>Speech is produced smoothly, coherently and almost effortlessly</p> <p>Can produce extended speech, using a variety of discourse markers and connectors, although some unnatural, language-related pauses may occur</p> <p>Speech rate is generally appropriate</p>	<p>While pronunciation is marked by L1 features, this only occasionally causes strain to the listener or compromises intelligibility</p> <p>Produces most phonological contrasts with fairly good accuracy</p> <p>Generally places stress correctly and uses intonation to convey basic pragmatic meaning</p>	<p>Sufficient range of general, academic and domain-specific vocabulary for effective communication</p> <p>Few significant vocabulary errors occur</p> <p>Lexical gaps are successfully overcome with circumlocution</p>	<p>Generally displays sufficient grammatical accuracy in both simple and complex structures</p> <p>Grammatical errors do occur but do not lead to misunderstanding</p>	<p>Usually responds appropriately and effectively to questions/comments although some language-related hesitation may occur</p> <p>Good ability to interactively negotiate meaning through comprehension checks, clarification requests or confirmation checks</p> <p>Good ability to deal with unclear questions or misunderstandings when necessary</p>
2	<p>Can generally produce extended speech. However, only uses a limited number of discourse markers and connectors.</p> <p>Speech is marked by unnatural language-related pauses which may lead to a loss of coherence</p> <p>Speech rate may be inappropriate</p>	<p>Pronunciation is strongly marked by L1 features</p> <p>Although pronunciation is generally intelligible, imprecise pronunciation of certain sounds, stress errors, and failure to uphold phonological contrasts causes strain to the listener</p> <p>Very limited or inappropriate use of intonation to indicate pragmatic meaning</p>	<p>Less than sufficient range of general, academic and/or domain-specific vocabulary for effective communication</p> <p>Lexical inaccuracy or incorrect word choice may cause some confusion</p> <p>Lexical gaps result in noticeably less precision</p>	<p>Displays less than sufficient grammatical accuracy and/or range of structures</p> <p>Grammatical errors can be distracting and may lead to misunderstanding</p>	<p>Sometimes responds appropriately and effectively to questions/comments. Due to language-related hesitation response time may be slow</p> <p>Less than sufficient ability to interactively negotiate meaning through comprehension checks, clarification requests or confirmation checks</p> <p>Less than sufficient ability to deal with unclear questions or misunderstandings when necessary</p>
1	<p>Speech is disrupted and fragmented due to excessive pauses, hesitations or false starts, especially in longer stretches of free production</p> <p>Rarely uses discourse markers or connectors</p>	<p>Pronunciation impedes effective communication</p> <p>Pronunciation is marked by features that may be understandable only to those familiar with the speaker's L1</p>	<p>Limited range of general, academic and/or domain-specific vocabulary</p> <p>Frequent lexical errors impede effective communication</p>	<p>Displays limited accuracy and range of grammatical structures</p> <p>Frequent errors cause misunderstanding or incomprehensibility</p>	<p>Does not respond appropriately and effectively to questions and comments</p> <p>Limited ability to interactively negotiate meaning through comprehension checks, clarification requests or confirmation checks</p> <p>Limited ability to deal with unclear questions or misunderstandings when necessary</p>

TOEPAS: Limitations

- Designed for “certification”
- Usually used by raters from applied linguistics

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Adapted TOEPAS: added items

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lecturer This is another way to say university professor or teacher.

range If you have a wide range of something, it means you can use many different types of it. For example, if you have a good vocabulary range, it means you know many different ways to express the same or similar idea.

speech rate If you speak with a good rate of speech, then you don't speak too slowly and you do not hesitate too much.

Global Scale

5: The lecturer has demonstrated English language proficiency for university teaching equivalent to that of a highly articulate, well-educated native speaker of English.

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The lecturer is ready to teach English-medium courses, but training may be beneficial in one or more of the assessed areas.

2: The lecturer has demonstrated less than sufficient English language proficiency for university teaching.

The lecturer is not ready to teach English-medium courses. Further training is required.

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For each lecturer, also respond to the following statements.

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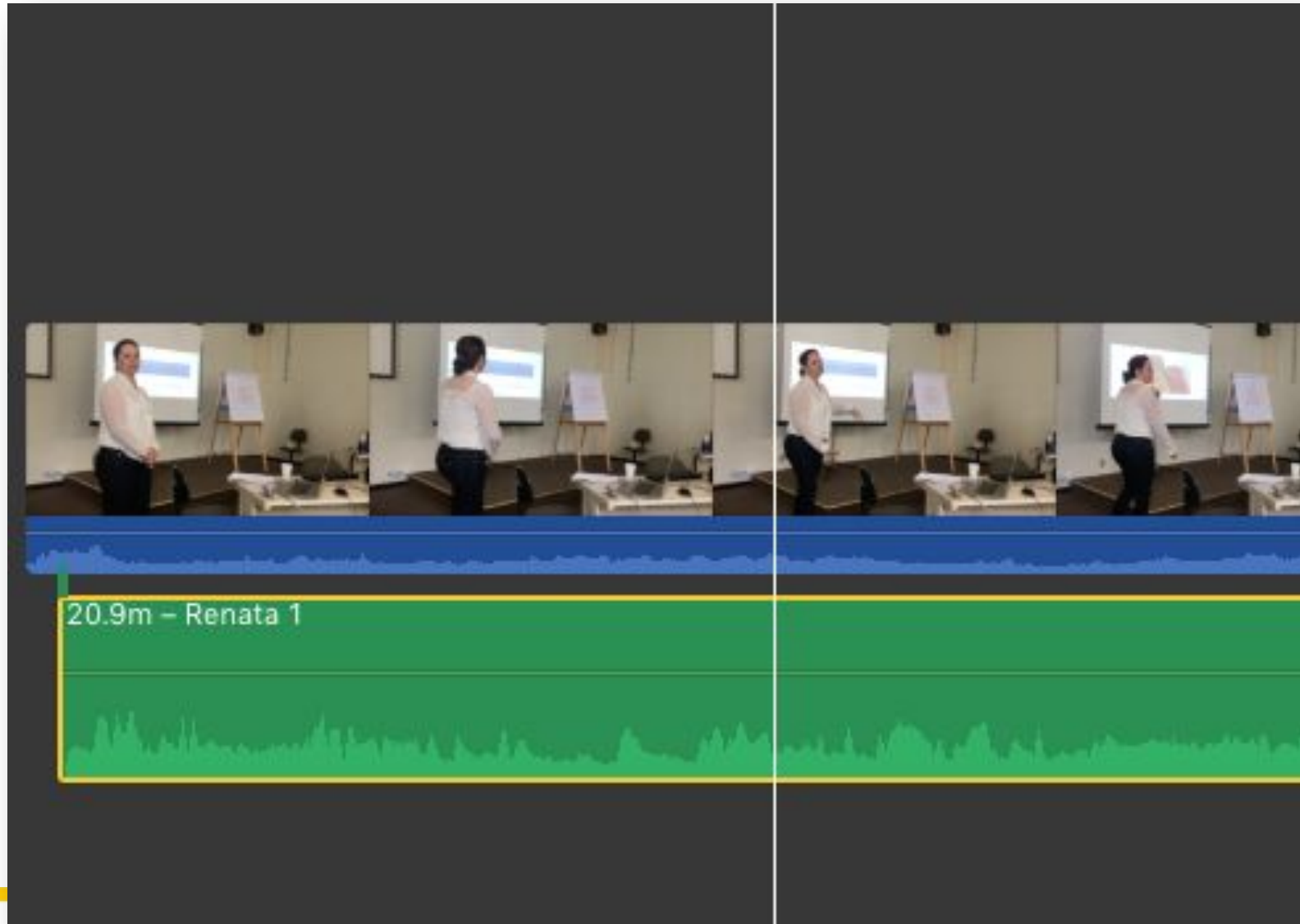
Procedure



Procedure - Lecturers

- All lecturers (n=26) were required to complete questionnaire and consent to being video-recorded for the research.
- All lecturers were required to take Linguaskill test.
- All lecturers took part in 1-week (40 hours) EMI training course.
- Final assignment was the preparation and delivery of 20-minute class in English – each was video-recorded with separate lapel audio.
- Lecturers were also interviewed immediately after each class to ask how they thought they did.
- Videos were edited (Mac) and interviews transcribed (Otter).

Lecture video – sample edit



Procedure: students

- Brazilian students (n=30) were recruited from previous “Academic Writing in English” class (from among ~300 students) – those with highest self-reported proficiency.
- International students (German, Croatian, Argentine, Mexican, French) (n=10) were recruited on first day of semester.
- American visiting students (n=4) also recruited.
- All non-native students took Linguaskill test.
- On a separate day, all students went through rater training exercise (specially built website), and then rating exercise itself. (3 lecturers per pair, previously assigned.)

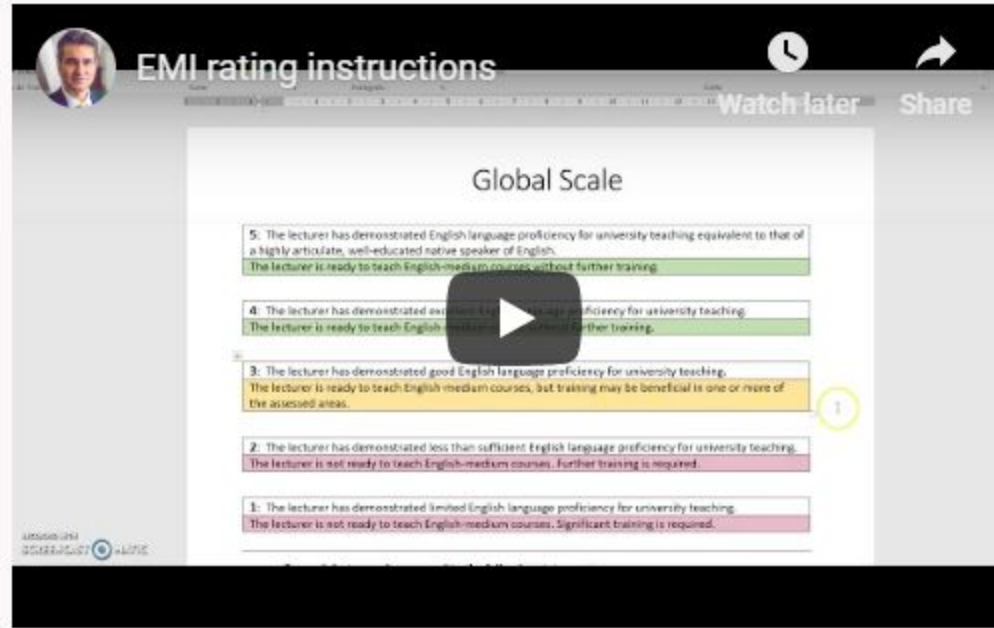


Please wait until the research supervisor tells you to begin.

START

Instructions

1. You will evaluate the English of Brazilian university lecturers today. You will do this using a special form that will be given to you. After you receive the form, watch the video below.



2. Now take a minute to read through the form - front and back. If you have any questions, please raise your hand. If you have no questions, proceed to number 3 below.

3. You should now have received three different documents: (1) rating sheets, (2) sheets for taking notes, and (3) a sheet with your name and your partner's name. Please take a moment to identify and introduce yourself to your partner now.

4. After you and your partner have introduced yourselves, click on "Proceed" below.

Instrument Calibration Exercise

On this page you will practice using the Rating Scale. You will do this by watching and rating three videos with your partner. Follow the steps below.

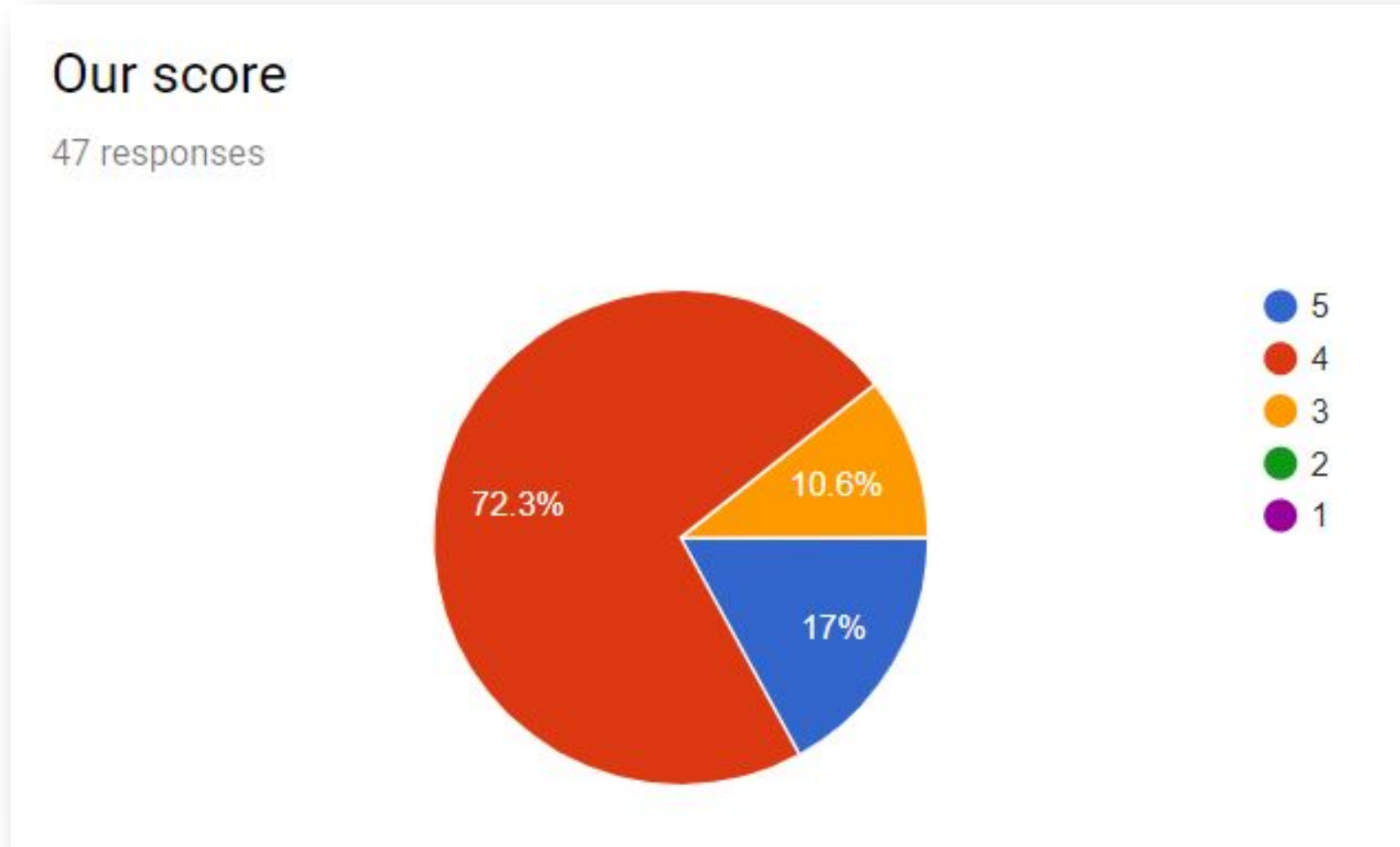
1. **WATCH VIDEO 1:** Watch Video 1 below **only to 7:00** (*the 7th minute*) and try to evaluate the lecturer using the rating scale. Remember to take notes using the Notes sheet.

VIDEO 1



2. **DECIDE ON A SCORE:** First, give a temporary score to the speaker in Video 1 (on your sheet). Then, discuss your notes and score with your partner. Do you both agree? If so, choose the score below and click **Submit**.

Calibration agreement: Video 1



EMI video lecture gallery

You should now have

- at least 3 clean (unmarked) rating sheets;
- at least 3 blank sheets for taking notes.

1. Find your 3 assigned videos below.
2. Watch the first video and take notes.
3. When finished, discuss with your partner and arrive at a score.
4. Go to the next videos, **stopping after each one** to discuss with your partner.
5. When you have finished all 3 videos, let the research supervisor know.
6. You and your partner will be invited to be interviewed.



Name of Evaluator:

Matias Hoffmann

Lecturer Number and Name:

5 Alessandro

Global Score:

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Grammar

"only a group teach?"
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Vocabulary

wide range of synonyms
Clear explanations with specific vocabulary

Interaction

Explains the questions well
Good interchange of ideas. Drives the class perfectly.

General

Work is not explained very well at first.

NAME OF RATER: Wendy Hoffman

NUMBER AND NAME OF

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Name of Evaluator: Bruna NegrelliLecturer Number and Name: 3-AndersonGlobal Score: 3

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2	<p>Can generally produce extended speech. However, only uses a limited number of discourse markers and connectors</p> <p>Many unnatural language-related pauses which may lead to coherence problems</p> <p>Speech rate may be inappropriate</p>	<p>Pronunciation is strongly marked by Portuguese</p> <p>Pronunciation is generally intelligible, but some inaccurate pronunciation makes understanding a challenge</p> <p>Very limited or inappropriate use of intonation to communicate meaning</p>	<p>Less than sufficient range of general, academic and/or discipline-specific vocabulary for effective communication</p> <p>Incorrect use of vocabulary may cause some confusion</p> <p>Gaps in vocabulary knowledge result in noticeably less precision</p>	<p>Shows less than sufficient grammatical accuracy and/or range of structures</p> <p>Grammatical errors can be distracting and may lead to misunderstanding</p>	<p>Sometimes responds appropriately and effectively to questions/comments. Due to language-related hesitation response time may be slow</p> <p>Less than sufficient ability to answer questions to help/check students' understanding ✓</p> <p>Less than sufficient ability to deal with unclear questions or misunderstandings when necessary</p>
1	<p>Speech is disrupted and fragmented due to excessive pauses, hesitations or false starts, especially in longer stretches of free production</p> <p>Rarely uses discourse markers or connectors</p>	<p>Pronunciation impedes effective communication</p> <p>Pronunciation is marked by features that may be understandable only to those familiar with Portuguese</p>	<p>Limited range of general, academic and/or discipline-specific vocabulary</p> <p>Frequent vocabulary errors impede effective communication</p>	<p>Shows limited accuracy and range of grammatical structures</p> <p>Frequent errors cause misunderstanding or incomprehensibility</p>	<p>Does not respond appropriately and effectively to questions and comments</p> <p>Limited ability to answer questions help/check students' understanding</p> <p>Limited ability to deal with unclear questions or misunderstandings when necessary</p>

Global Scale

5: The lecturer has demonstrated English language proficiency for university teaching equivalent to that of a highly articulate, well-educated native speaker of English.

The lecturer is ready to teach English-medium courses without further training.

4: The lecturer has demonstrated excellent English language proficiency for university teaching.

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2: The lecturer has demonstrated less than sufficient English language proficiency for university teaching.

The lecturer is not ready to teach English-medium courses. Further training is required.

1: The lecturer has demonstrated limited English language proficiency for university teaching.

The lecturer is not ready to teach English-medium courses. Significant training is required.

For each lecturer, also respond to the following statements.

1. The lecturer seems to be a highly competent teacher.

(a) strongly disagree (b) disagree (c) agree (d) strongly agree

2. The lecturer is a good model of English language.

(a) strongly disagree (b) disagree (c) agree (d) strongly agree

3. The lecturer seems likeable.

(a) strongly disagree (b) disagree (c) agree (d) strongly agree

NAME OF RATER: Bruma Negrelli

NUMBER AND NAME OF LECTURER: 3 - Anderson

NOTES

- organized: outlined the class
- some Portuguese accent & inflexion, but overall good
- student interaction
 - ↳ maybe he needs to ask if all students are able to read the powerpoint
- somewhat consistent sentence structure, little variation
- good at answering questions

Summary of data collected so far:

1. Pre-course questionnaire from lecturers (n=22)
2. Linguaskill scores from lecturers (n=22)
3. Videos (20 minutes each) of micro teaching (n=22)
4. Post-teaching interviews from lecturers (n=22)
5. Language background questionnaires from students (n=38)
6. Linguaskill scores from students (n=38)
7. TOEPAS ratings from students + notes (n=42)
8. Post-rating interviews from students (n=42)

V. (very!) preliminary results

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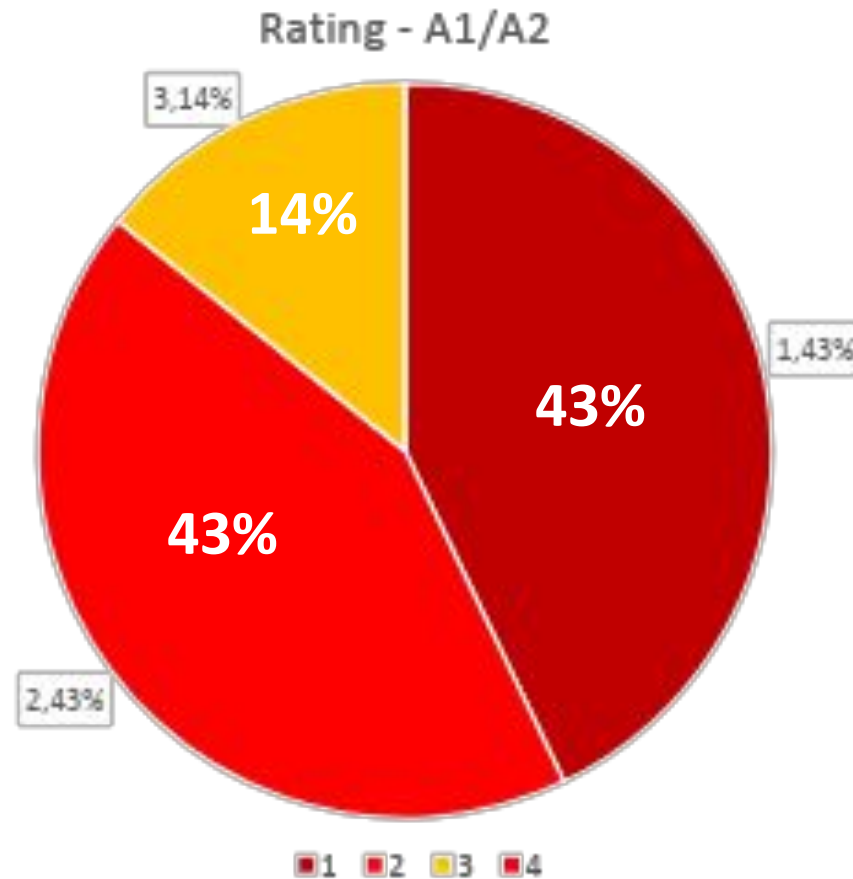
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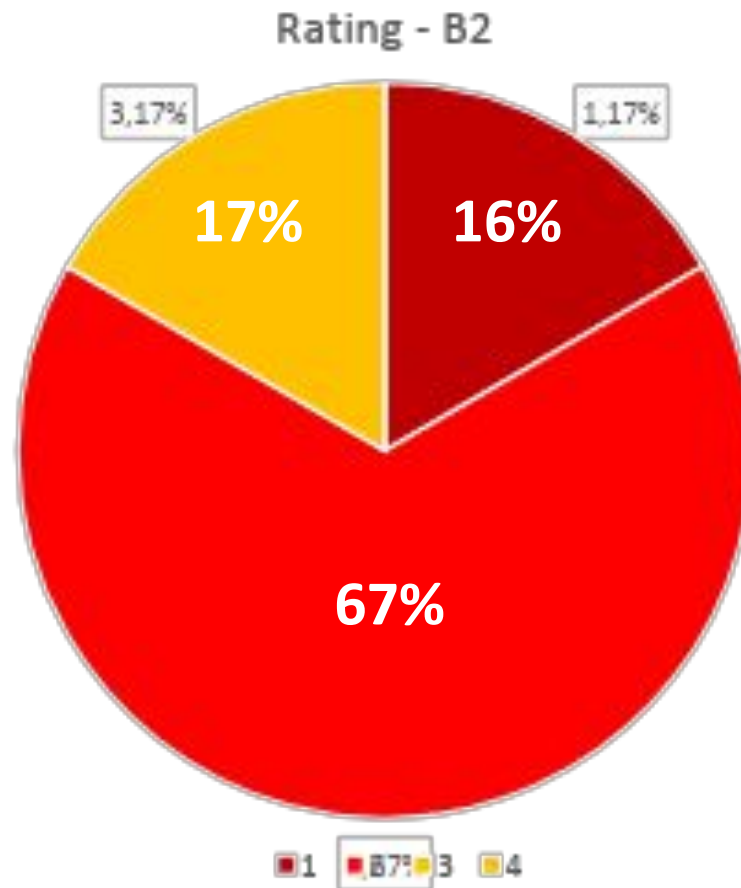
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Lecturers at A1-A2 (n = 2) (14 ratings)



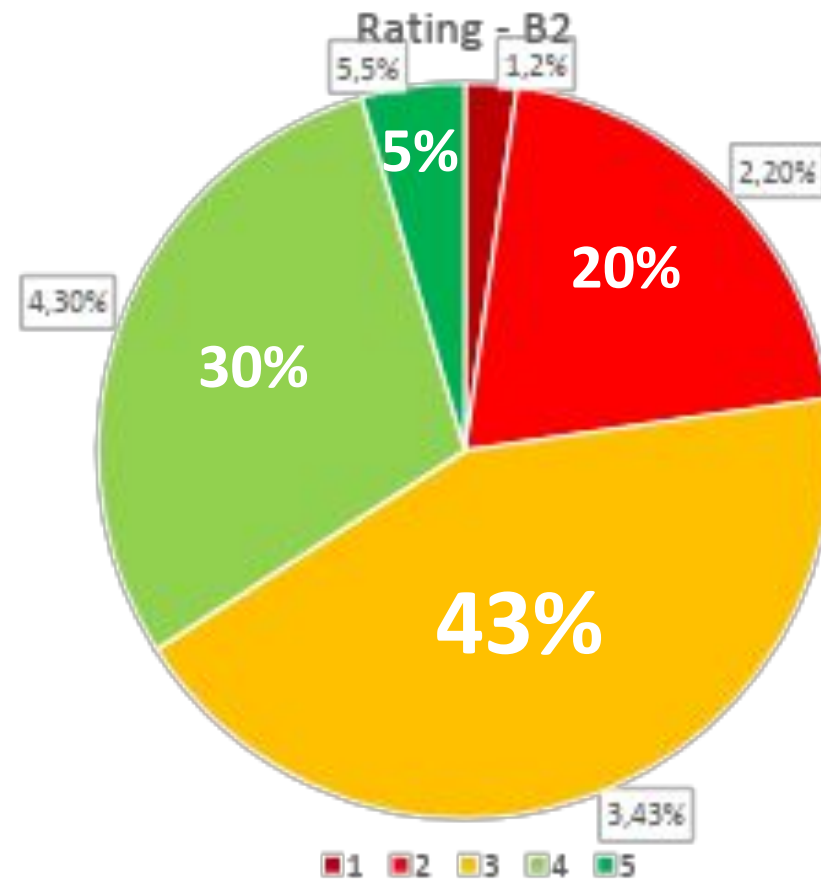
“Ready to teach EMI” = 14%

Lecturers at B1 (n = 3) (12 ratings)



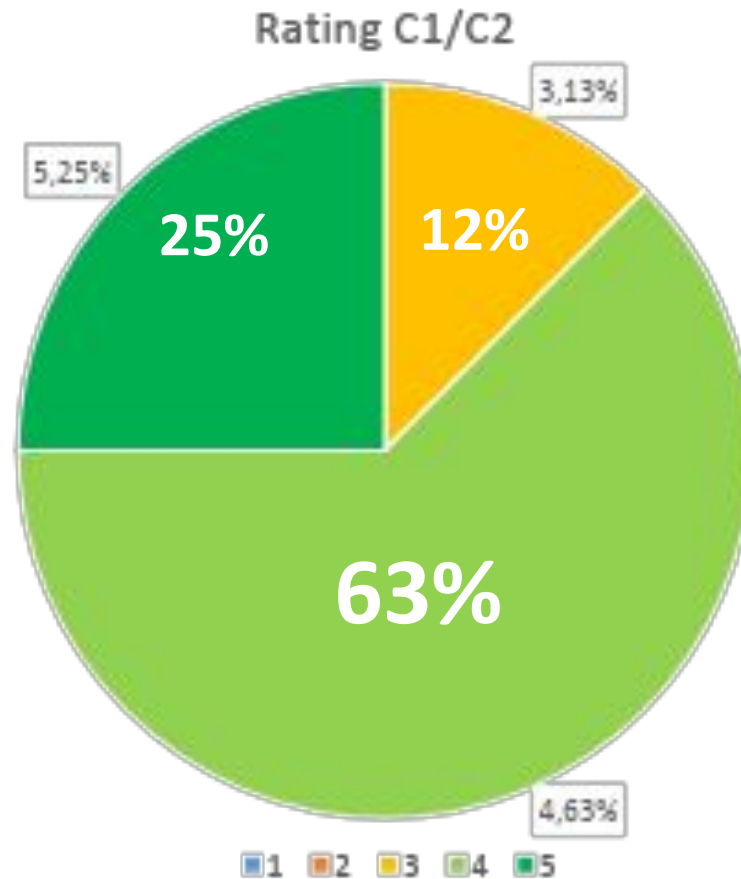
“Ready to
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Lecturers at B2 (n= 14) (88 ratings)



“Ready to
teach EMI” =
78%

Lecturers at C1-C2 (n = 3) (16 ratings)



“Ready to
teach EMI” =
100%

Preliminary findings

- Pre-course self-assessed CEFR rating strongly correlates with Linguaskill score.
- B2 is a minimum (B1 clearly too low).
- 3 (of 14) lecturer outliers at B2, need to explore what makes them different.
- Findings seem to be consistent among non-native speakers (Brazilian and International), but natives seem to judge more harshly.

Case: “Leo”

- Self-reported CEFR: B2; Linguaskill: B2
- Number of total ratings: 8 students
- Average rating: 2 (“not ready to teach - further training required”)
- Had never taught in English before
- Had never tried active methodologies before



Students “annoyed” by pauses

2	<p>Can generally produce extended speech. However, only uses a limited number of discourse markers and connectors</p> <p>Many unnatural language-related pauses which may lead to coherence problems</p> <p>Speech rate may be inappropriate</p> <p>Speech is disrupted and fragmented due to</p>
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Students “annoyed” by pauses

2	Can generate only use and connect Many use may lead Speech	1 Speech is disrupted and fragmented due to excessive pauses, hesitations or false starts, especially in longer stretches of free production Rarely uses discourse markers or connectors
		Speech rate may be inappropriate

Students “annoyed” by pauses

		Speech rate	Speech rate is generally appropriate.
2	Can generally only use a limited number of discourse markers and connectors		
	Many unnatural language-related pauses which may lead to coherence problems		
	Speech rate may be inappropriate		
		1	Speech is delivered at an excessive pace, especially in extended speech
			Rarely uses discourse markers and connectors

Students “annoyed” by pauses

Fluency : Markers missing.

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Pronunciation : too slow

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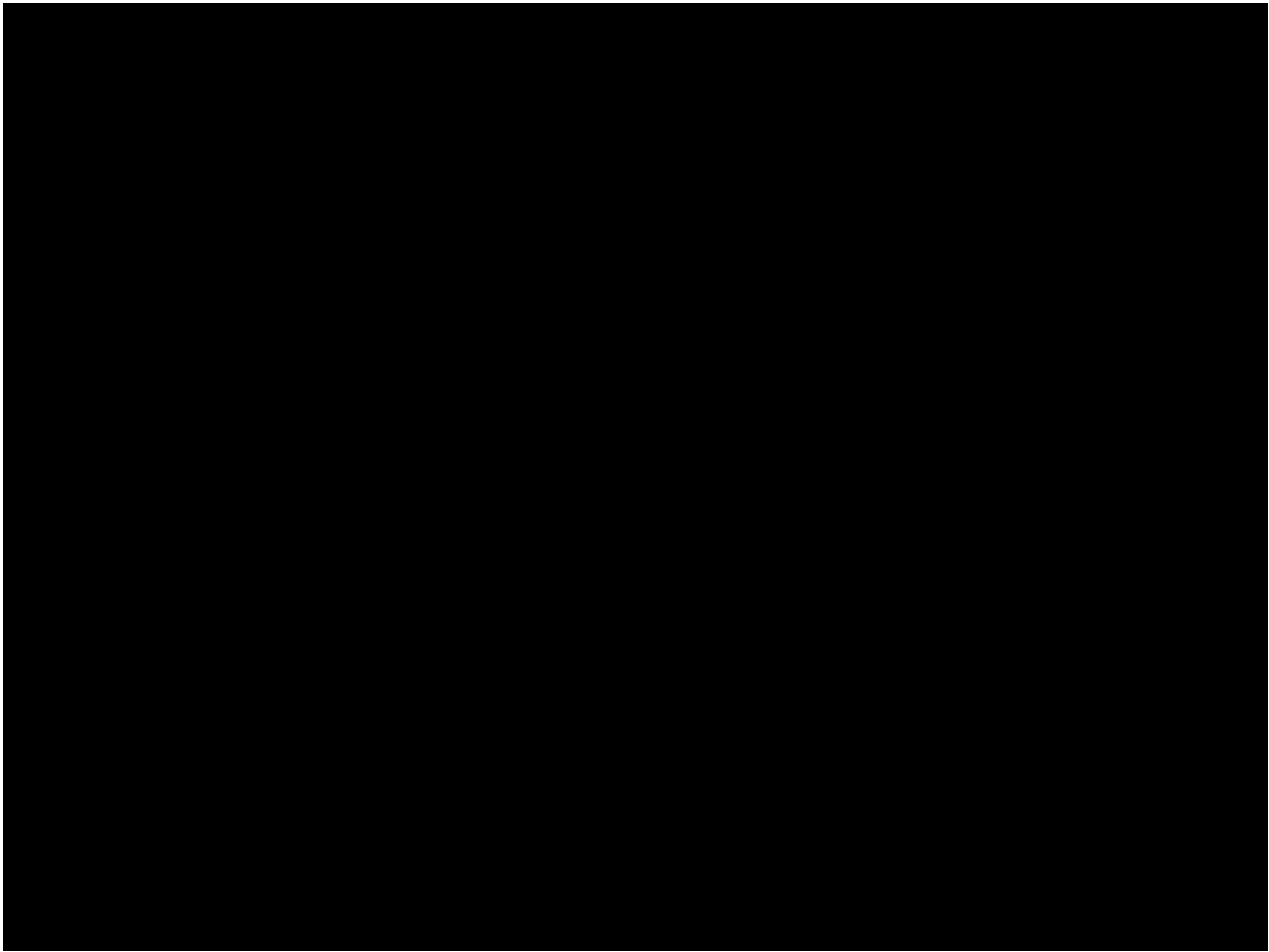
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Good or bad news for Leo?

VI. Next steps

- Explore the data further!
- Run correlations between scores by participant type (LECTURER x STUDENT), and individual skills.
- Explore any associations between lecturer ratings and other perceived qualities (teaching competence, etc.).
- Carefully comb through qualitative data, including notes, lecturer questionnaire (e.g. any association between time spent abroad and rating?), student questionnaire (e.g. study abroad experience seem to influence?), and interview data.
- Spread word (e.g. Oxford EMI 2019) and draft article(s).

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