

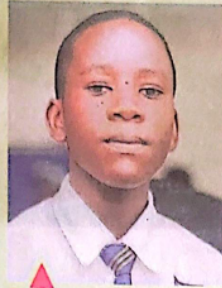
What does language certification mean to you?

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Just like national examination certificates issued by the Uganda National Examinations Board (Uneb), language certification recognises a learner's progress and competence at different levels of mastering a language. Each level which is assessed from basic com-

munication to advanced proficiency reflects the effort students invest in learning to listen, read, write and speak the language.

Recently, a number of students were awarded certificates and prizes after excelling at different levels of French during the Njogera Français programme. These share opinions on what language certification means to them.



Andrew Miracle Nsamba, S.3, Kisubi Seminary

I initially did not like the language, but with certification, I have advanced from level one to another, increasing my chances of being multi-skilled and the ability to communicate with people.



Kevin Akampwera, S.4 Seeta High School

Certification comes with a lot of sacrifices, and I understand I am qualified to work in different countries or even get better jobs in future.



Merville Ngabirano, S.3 Boni Consilii Girls' SS

Language certification means getting recognised for knowing another language apart from your mother tongue, which sets me apart.



Nadiah Namukasa, S.4 Mt St Mary's College Namagunga

It has helped me master the language, the certification is going to be a key for me to work in different careers.



Or-Miel Kambale, S.3 Green Hill Academy

It is like a qualification that shows you passed tests in a certain language and can communicate properly, helping you become confident about your skill.



Molly Etula, S.4 Greenhill Academy

I was scared at the beginning, but language certification means proof that I can actually speak, understand and interpret a language well.



Raphael Afuoyo, vacist Ndejje SS

Language certification means being officially recognised for writing, reading and speaking a language.



Peter Clever Ssempijja S.6, Kisubi Seminary

Completing each level helps you get certification which opens doors for jobs in big institutions, travelling, and getting scholarships.