

## **Rating English proficiency**

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Did English proficiency really “slip” in Taiwan? (“Taiwan’s English proficiency ranking slips in EF’s index,” Nov. 9, page 3).

This conclusion was based on performance on the EF English Proficiency Index, an English test that is taken voluntarily online. We know nothing about who took the test and nothing about why they wanted to take it.

Also, Taiwan’s slip was tiny, less than one quarter of a point, probably not a statistically significant drop.

I do not think the results of this test should be taken seriously.

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