

Methodology tip

What can you remember from Maturita pages? – Self-Assessment

Methodology tip: self-assessment (SA) is an essential technique of a formative assessment. SA encourages learners to be able to assess (evaluate) themselves and understand how to improve. Students become responsible for their own learning. Research has showed that using this technique had almost doubled the rate at which students were learning.

After having read the article about Slovakia, check what you have learnt. For each task, mark the box that best matches your ability.

- ✓✓ I understand and can help a friend.
- ✓ I understand and can do it by myself.
- ? I understand but I am not sure.
- X I do not understand.

	I can...	✓✓	✓	?	X
	I can say/write basic facts about Slovakia...				
1	location				
2	population				
3	area				
4	the highest point				
5	the lowest point				
6	type of government				
7	language				
8	currency				
9	I can explain how and when the CR and the SR separated				
10	I can name the official term of the separation				
	I can say/write basic information about political system: (complete numbers in gaps)				
11	the Parliament has members				
12	the members of the Parliament are elected for years				
13	the president is elected for years				
14	I can say/write who puts laws into the action				
15	I can say/write duties of The National Council (NC)				
16	I can name five neighbour countries of the SR				
17	I can explain what the word "landlock country" means				
18	I can name at least five mountain ranges in the SR				
19	I can name at least five rivers in the SR				
20	I can explain why the Danube is an important river				

Now, check your answers with the key and compare the results with the self-assessment of your knowledge in the table. How many times were you right? Are you satisfied with the result? If not, go back to the article, read it again and find the answers while reading it.

Tip for better learning: write down new words/phrases from the article, use them in sentences – write or say key information about Slovakia. Tell them to your friend/teacher/parent or present your country to a friend from abroad. More, you can watch videos about Slovakia on the internet.

Key:

- 1 – 8 see the answers in the section: Facts about Slovakia
- 9 The CR and the SR separated 1st January 1993 in a peaceful manner.
- 10 Velvet Divorce
- 11 150 members
- 12 4 years
- 13 5 years
- 14 the Government of the SR (led by the Prime Minister)
- 15 The National Council approves the **Constitution** of the SR, the state budget, legal acts, international agreements, elects some state officers, check/watches over governmental activities.
- 16 The Czech Republic, Austria, Hungary, Ukraine and Poland
- 17 The land lock country means that it has no access to the sea neither the ocean.
- 18-19 see the map in the article
- 20 Because the Danube connects the capital city Bratislava with Vienna and Budapest and it represents important trade road for central and south-east Europe.