

3. Individual assessments by participants

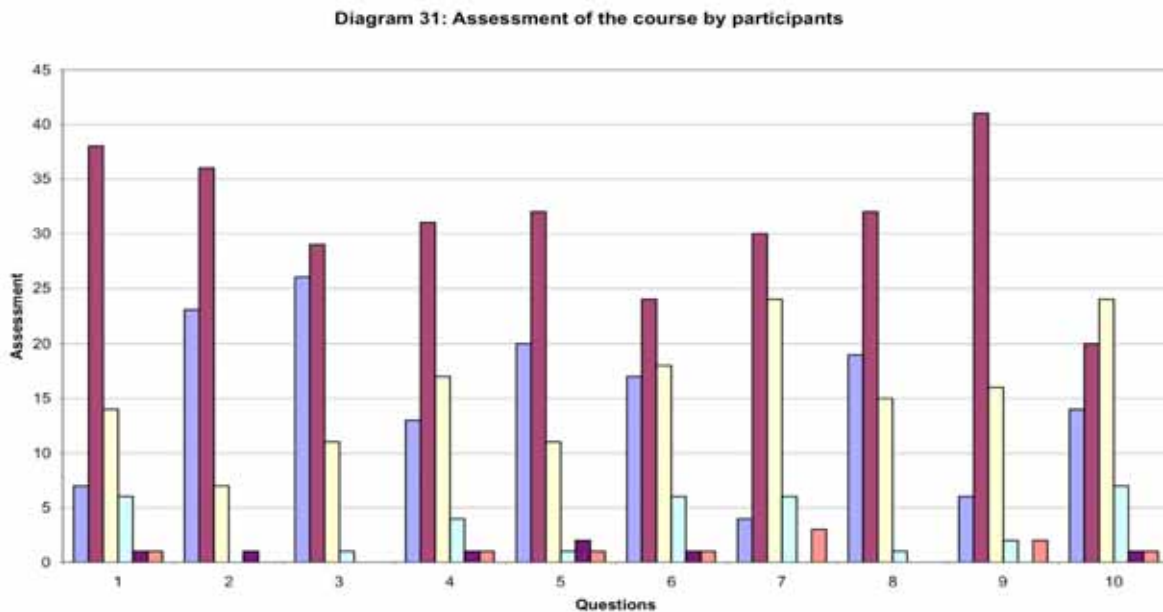
The basis of this section is the questionnaire that is handed out by the instructor at the end of the course; "Improved Reading Course Evaluation" (see Appendix).

It documents the participants' assessment of the course and a number of aspects about the course, and concludes with the question of whether the participants would recommend the course to other people. 67 questionnaires were filled in.¹

Diagram 31 shows the answers to the following ten questions in the course evaluation questionnaire:

1. How well did this course meet your expectation?
2. How clearly did you understand the course objectives?
3. How well was the course organised?
4. How do you rate the course as a learning experience?
5. How effective was your instructor?
6. How helpful was the reading accelerator in reducing regression and improving your reading rate?
7. How valuable were/will be the course notes (explanations in the workbook)?
8. How helpful were the eye exercises in aiding concentration and discouraging regression?
9. How do you rate the overall balance of the course content?
10. How satisfied are you with your improvement?

These questions could be answered with "excellent", "very good", "good", "fair" and "poor". In some cases questions were left unanswered.



The diagram shows that all course elements were assessed very positively. The assessments of "fair" (mint green bar) and "poor" (purple bar) were only given by a few participants, and the assessment of "very good" (red bar) was the most frequent answer to questions 1-9. The best assessments were given in respect of the organisation of the course and the rating of the course as a learning experience (questions 2 and 3).

¹ No questionnaires were distributed in the May course (10 participants).

The average assessment was 4.2, i.e. "very good" and better. The instructor's effectiveness and the eye exercises were assessed as "very good" (questions 5 and 8, average 4.0). The questions on the participants' overall impressions of the course (questions 1, 4 and 9) were answered with "very good" to "good" (average approx. 3.6 - 3.7). The assessment of the workbook (course notes, question 7) and personal improvement (question 10) was marginally less positive (average 3.3 - 3.5). Overall, the elements of the course were all assessed as "very good" by participants.

The questionnaire concludes with the question of whether the participants would recommend the course to other people. ("Would you recommend this course to others?") Diagram 32 shows that the vast majority of them (approx. 85%) would do so.

Diagram 32: "Would you recommend this course to others?"

