Finnish Matriculation Examination computer-based – the impact of pictures and video in assessing listening comprehension

Why?

- New curriculum (2016) what is "listening comprehension" in a world filled with multimedia?
- The Finnish Matriculation
 Examination computer-based
 (2016-)
- Big changes to a "high stakes" -test > Research needed
- Changes in the world what do we consider as language skills today?
- New oppertunities & challenges – how to teach and assess language skills?

How?

- Comparing 3 setups in a computer-based listening comprehension test in swedish language:
 - 1. Audio-only
 - 2. Audio & still pictures
 - 3. Video
- Students randomly divided into test groups
- Analysing scores & survey results, observing, interviewing

What? (Research questions)

- What kind of impressions do Finnish gymnasium students have concerning computerbased listening comprehension tests?
- What differences and connections are observed compering different amount of visual cues during a listening comprehension test
 - a. in the test scores
 - b. in the listening experience?

When?

- Planning the test setups summer 2016
- Piloting autumn 2016
- Field tests 11/2016 04/2017
- Analysis 05/2017 –

For whom?

- Teachers
- Test developers
- Learning material authors

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