

Download Developing Professional Level Language Proficiency

'Betty Lou Leaver and Boris Shekhtman's recent book *Developing Professional-Level Language Proficiency* is a significant contribution to the research in foreign language education. Developing professional-level language proficiency This comprehensive book examines approaches to teaching students who aim to make the leap from "Advanced" or "Superior" proficiency in a foreign language to "Distinguished" or "near-native" ability. For those interested in the details/technical aspects of second language learning, Betty Lou Leaver's "Achieving Native-Like Second Language Proficiency" is a much more concise and manageable text. Although this book provides several detailed examples of advanced second language programs, I believe the level of detail is suitable for language ... Historically, few students achieve Superior and Distinguished levels of proficiency in any foreign language. In fact, relatively few courses even propose to bring students to the Superior level, at which students can expect to use the language professionally while having obviously less than native control of linguistic and cultural elements, let alone the Distinguished level, at which students ...