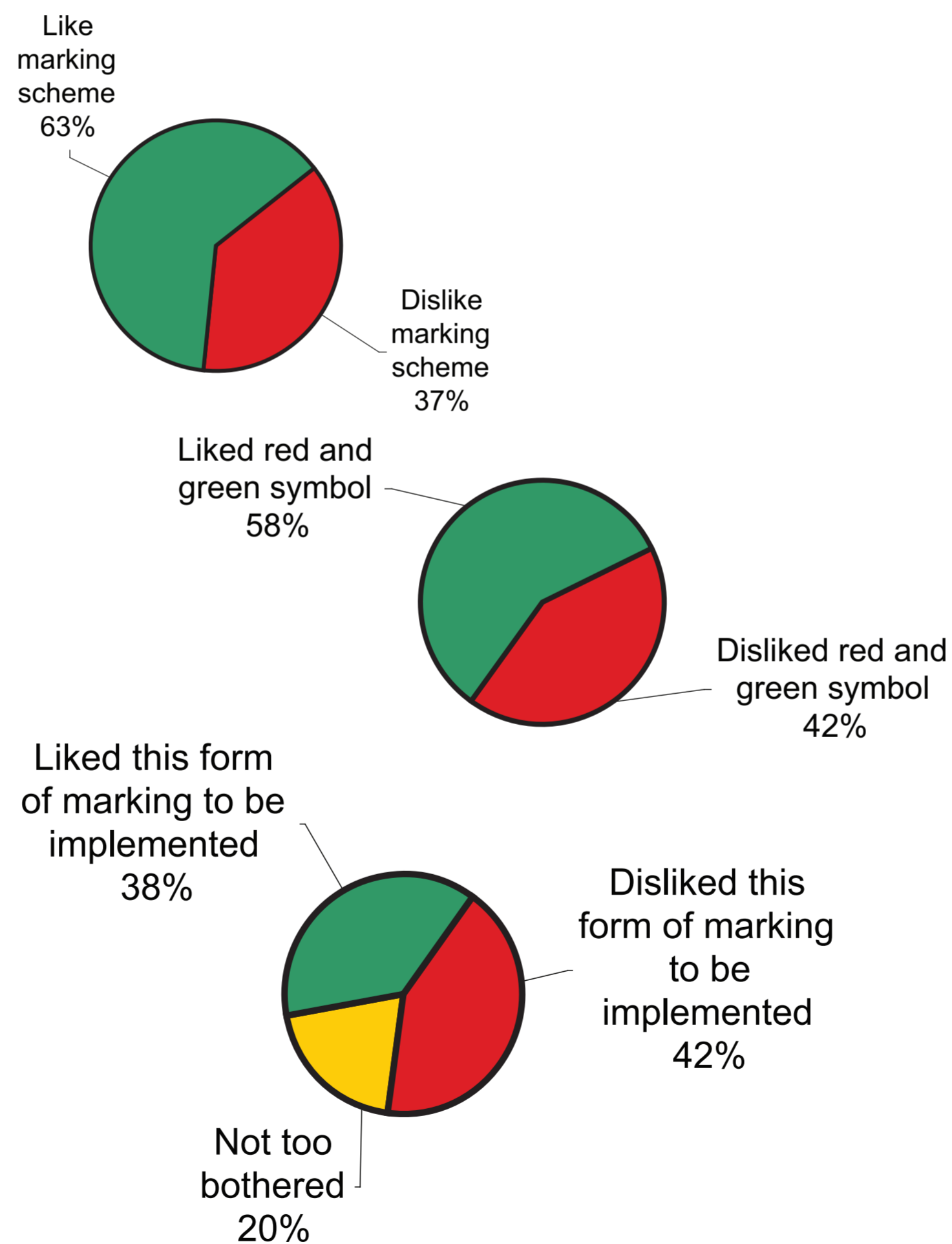


Aim: To use a symbol instead of a grade for test results

Method

- Students asked to predict the grade they would achieve in the test.
- Grade identified to teacher – confidential.
- If expected result achieved – a green mark awarded, if not achieved – a red mark awarded.
- If consistently achieving higher than they had identified, students were encouraged to aim for a higher grade.

Student Opinion



Students comments

- “I liked this cos nobody knew what percentage you got – you only knew yourself what grade you expected!”
- “I think that another indicator could be used to show whether you obtained your expected result or not – such as a smiley or a sad face!!!!”
- “I don’t like the red symbol as it looks like a fail even though we knew that was not what it represented!”.
- “You should put a +1 or a -1 beside the grade so that we would know if we went up or down from our expected result.!!”

Conclusions

- In general students liked this form of marking but wanted to get the actual results back a lot quicker.
- I gave actual percentage to students after 3 tests and perhaps to avoid frustration with this type of marking the actual results could be given back after 2 sets of tests.
- Overall I think that a combination of methods of marking tests would be beneficial.
- The OL students definitely preferred this method of marking.