Handout # 6

ELPA21 Achievement Level Descriptors (ALDs)

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Reading	Reading	Reading	Reading	Reading
Level 1 Beginning	Level 2 Early Intermediate	Level 3 Intermediate	Level 4 Early Advanced	Level 5 Advanced
Score Range: 472 or below	Score Range: 473-513	Score Range: 514-591	Score Range: 592-626	Score Range: 627 or above
When reading grade-	When reading grade-	When reading grade-appropriate	When reading grade-	When reading grade-appropriate text, the
appropriate text, the	appropriate text, the student at	text, the student at Level 3 is	appropriate text, the student at	student at Level 5 is working on:
student at Level 1 is	Level 2 is working on:	working on:	Level 4 is working on:	
working on:				
determining the meaning of	identifying key words and	identifying frequently used words	categorizing words and phrases	analyzing details from read-alouds and
words and phrases in texts	phrases from read-alouds of	and phrases; responding to	in read-alouds of texts and	dialogues on familiar and unfamiliar
and dialogues; responding	texts and dialogues; responding	questions about key details from	dialogues; answering questions	topics; analyzing information to answer
to simple yes/no and wh-	to yes/no and wh- questions;	read-alouds of texts and	about key details in a variety of	questions about key details in read-
questions; recognizing the	recognizing the meaning of	dialogues; responding to	text types; recognizing words	alouds; categorizing words; demonstrating
meanings of some	some frequently occurring and	questions about familiar topics;	and phrases in read-alouds that	comparing and contrasting skills in read-
frequently occurring words	key words in read-alouds.	answering questions to help	may have multiple meanings in	alouds; inferring meaning from words
in read-alouds.		determine the meaning of some	context.	using text and pictures; listening to and
		words and phrases in read-		following directions from a text.
		alouds.		

Writing	Writing	Writing	Writing	Writing
Level 1 Beginning	Level 2 Early Intermediate	Level 3 Intermediate	Level 4 Early Advanced	Level 5 Advanced
Score Range: 496 or below	v Score Range: 497-561	Score Range: 562-650	Score Range: 651-672	Score Range: 673 or above
When writing, the student at Level 1 is working on:	When writing, the student at Level 2 is working on:	When writing, the student at Level 3 is working on:	When writing, the student at Level 4 is working on:	When writing, the student at Level 5 is working on:
recognizing and using a small number of frequentl occurring nouns and verbs in writing; creating words by filling in a missing letter using a small number of frequently occurring noun and verbs in written text; responding to simple questions about familiar topics.	writing; writing and completing words by filling in a missing letter; expressing an opinion about a topic in writing and	recognizing and using frequently occurring nouns, verbs, and short phrases in writing; writing and completing words with missing letters; using question words to create simple questions; expressing an opinion or preference; creating complete simple sentences by placing words in the correct order.	recognizing and using frequently occurring regular plural nouns, verbs and prepositions in writing; writing common grade level words, writing sentences with few errors; expressing an opinion with a reason; creating complete sentences by placing words in the correct order.	recognizing and using frequently occurring regular plural nouns, verbs, prepositions, and question words in writing; writing common words and accurate grade-level sentences; expressing an opinion or a preference, including a reason for that opinion; creating complete sentences by placing words in the correct order.

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Listening	Listening	Listening	Listening	Listening
Level 1 Beginning	Level 2 Early Intermediate	Level 3 Intermediate	Level 4 Early Advanced	Level 5 Advanced
Score Range: 466 or below	Score Range: 467-506	Score Range: 507-612	Score Range: 613-644	Score Range: 645 or above
When listening, the student at Level 1 is working on:	When listening, the student at Level 2 is working on:	When listening, the student at Level 3 is working on:	When listening, the student at Level 4 is working on:	When listening, the student at Level 5 is working on:
responding to short conversations; recognizing and identifying the meanings of a few frequently occurring words in read-alouds and simple oral presentations; responding to simple yes/no and wh- questions; following simple directions.	responding to short conversations; recognizing and identifying the meaning of some key words and phrases from read-alouds and oral presentations; responding to yes/no and wh- questions; following simple and some multi-step directions without picture support; discriminating some details in longer conversations.	responding to conversations and identifying key words and phrases from read-alouds and oral presentations; answering questions about the meanings of words and phrases; making inferences and comparisons; responding to yes/no and whquestions; comprehending details and following longer directions.	responding to conversations and identifying key words, phrases, and details from long stories and presentations; answering questions and evaluating key vocabulary using details from long stories and conversations; demonstrating multiple-step thinking.	responding to conversations and identifying key words, phrases, and details from longer stories and informational presentations; answering questions and evaluating key details from long informational presentations; demonstrating multiple step thinking.

Speaking	Speaking	Speaking	Speaking	Speaking
Level 1 Beginning	Level 2 Early Intermediate	Level 3 Intermediate	Level 4 Early Advanced	Level 5 Advanced
Score Range: 486 or below	Score Range: 487-534	Score Range: 535-597	Score Range: 598-624	Score Range: 625 or above
When speaking, the student	When speaking, the student at	When speaking, the student at	When speaking, the student at	When speaking, the student at Level 5 is
at Level 1 is working on:	Level 2 is working on:	Level 3 is working on:	Level 4 is working on:	working on:
responding to short conversations and questions; describing objects using frequently occurring nouns and verbs; communicating simple information about a topic.	responding to conversations and questions, following commands; describing actions and objects using frequently occurring nouns, verbs and short phrases; communicating simple information; retelling and sequencing a story; using prepositional phrases to describe location; categorizing vocabulary; forming questions related to prompts.	responding to conversations, questions and commands by describing details and actions using nouns, verbs, and prepositions; communicating information and expressing an opinion about a familiar topic; making inferences to answer questions; retelling and sequencing an oral presentation.	responding to conversations, questions and prompts by identifying multiple items and explaining choices; answering questions about a variety of topics using supporting details; expressing an opinion about a variety of topics; demonstrating correct use of prepositions; describing an object's location; retelling and sequencing an oral presentation.	responding to conversations, questions and prompts on a variety of topics by identifying items and explaining choices; answering questions about key details on a variety of topics; expressing an opinion or a preference about a variety of topics; retelling stories and multiple step directions in an event using sequencing.

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Reading	Reading	Reading	Reading	Reading
Level 1 Beginning	Level 2 Early Intermediate	Level 3 Intermediate	Level 4 Early Advanced	Level 5 Advanced
Score Range: 478 or below	Score Range: 479-514	Score Range: 515-583	Score Range: 584-628	Score Range: 629 or above
When reading grade-	When reading grade-	When reading grade-appropriate	When reading grade-	When reading grade-appropriate text, the
appropriate text, the	appropriate text, the student at	text, the student at Level 3 is	appropriate text, the student at	student at Level 5 is working on:
student at Level 1 is	Level 2 is working on:	working on:	Level 4 is working on:	
working on:				
determining the meaning of	identifying key words and phrases	identifying key words, phrases, and	identifying main topics in texts and	identifying main topics in texts and read-
words and phrases in read-	in read-alouds of texts and	main topics in texts and dialogues;	read-alouds; asking and answering	alouds; asking and answering questions about
alouds of texts and dialogues;	dialogues; responding to simple	responding to simple questions about	questions about key details in	key details in texts and read-alouds; retelling
responding to simple yes/no	yes/no and wh- questions about	key details; retelling some	written texts and read-alouds;	key points of stories and information;
and wh- questions about	familiar topics; identify a reason an	information, details or events;	retelling stories and information;	identifying reasons an author gives to support
familiar topics; identifying	author gives to support the main	identifying reasons an author gives to	identifying reasons an author gives	a main point; summarizing information from
main topic in read-aloud	point; determining the meaning of	support a main point; answering	to support a main point; answering	provided sources; answering questions on a
sentence; recognizing the	frequently occurring words and	questions to help determine the	questions about a variety of topics	variety of topics to determine or clarify the
meaning of some frequently	phrases in read-alouds.	meaning of some less frequently	to determine the meaning of words,	meaning of words, phrases, and idiomatic
occurring words in read-		occurring words and phrases.	phrases, and simple idiomatic	expressions.
alouds.			expressions.	

Writing	Writing	Writing	Writing	Writing
Level 1 Beginning	Level 2 Early Intermediate	Level 3 Intermediate	Level 4 Early Advanced	Level 5 Advanced
Score Range: 497 or below	Score Range: 498-547	Score Range: 548-612	Score Range: 613-640	Score Range: 641 or above
When writing, the student	When writing, the student at	When writing, the student at Level	When writing, the student at	When writing, the student at Level 5 is
at Level 1 is working on:	Level 2 is working on:	3 is working on:	Level 4 is working on:	working on:
responding to simple yes/no	responding to simple yes/no and	participating in short written	participating in written exchanges	participating in extended written exchanges of
and wh- questions about	wh- questions about familiar topics;	exchanges; asking and answering	about a variety of texts and topics;	information; composing written texts about a
familiar topics; creating words	communicating simple messages	simple questions and composing short	composing written texts about a	variety of topics; expressing opinions about a
by filling in a missing letter	about familiar topics or objects;	written text about familiar topics;	variety of topics; answering	variety of topics; recounting a more complex
with or without a provided	expressing an opinion about a	expressing an opinion about a familiar	questions expressing opinions	sequence of events; producing and expanding
example; using a small	familiar topic; retelling an event and	topic and giving a reason; retelling a	about a variety of topics; recounting	simple and some compound sentences.
number of frequently	presenting simple information using	simple sequence of events and	multiple events in sequence and	
occurring nouns and verbs	some frequently occurring linking	presenting simple information;	presenting simple information	
when writing.	words; producing simple sentences	producing and expanding simple	about a topic; producing and	
	using frequently occurring nouns,	sentences.	expanding simple and some	
	verbs, prepositions, and		compound sentences.	
	conjunctions.			

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Listening	Listening	Listening	Listening	Listening
Level 1 Beginning	Level 2 Early Intermediate	Level 3 Intermediate	Level 4 Early Advanced	Level 5 Advanced
Score Range: 434 or below	Score Range: 435-466	Score Range: 467-548	Score Range: 549-593	Score Range: 594 or above
When listening, the	When listening, the student at	When listening, the student at	When listening, the student at	When listening, the student at Level 5 is
student at Level 1 is	Level 2 is working on:	Level 3 is working on:	Level 4 is working on:	working on:
working on:				
identifying the main topic in	identifying key words and phrases	identifying the main topics and answer	identifying the main topics,	identifying main topics and key details in oral
oral presentations;	in oral presentations of texts;	questions about some key details in	answering questions about an	presentations of literary and informational
determining meaning of	participating in short conversations	oral presentations of texts;	increasing number of key details in	texts; participating in extended conversations
words and phrases;	about familiar topics and	participating in short conversations	oral presentations of literary and	and discussions and answering questions on a
participating in conversations	responding to simple questions and	and discussions on familiar topics and	informational texts; participating in	variety of topics and texts; gathering,
and discussions.	wh- questions; gathering	answering simple questions; gathering	conversations and discussions on a	summarizing, and answering questions about
	information and identifying	and summarizing information from	variety of topics; gathering,	information from oral sources; identifying
	summaries of information from oral	oral sources; identifying one or two	summarizing, and answering	reasons a speaker gives to support the main
	sources; identifying a reason a	reasons a speaker gives to support a	questions about information from	point.
	speaker gives to support a point;	main point.	oral sources; identifying reasons a	
	determining the meaning of		speaker gives to support the main	
	frequently occurring words and		point.	
	phrases.			

Speaking	Speaking	Speaking	Speaking	Speaking
Level 1 Beginning	Level 2 Early Intermediate	Level 3 Intermediate	Level 4 Early Advanced	Level 5 Advanced
Score Range: 527 or below	Score Range: 528-576	Score Range: 577-592	Score Range: 593-618	Score Range: 619 or above
When speaking, the	When speaking, the student at	When speaking, the student at	When speaking, the student at	When speaking, the student at Level 5 is
student at Level 1 is	Level 2 is working on:	Level 3 is working on:	Level 4 is working on:	working on:
working on:				
responding to short conversations and questions; describing objects using frequently occurring nouns and verbs; communicating simple information about a topic; expressing an opinion.	participating in short conversations; responding to simple yes/no and wh- questions about familiar topics; communicating simple messages about familiar topics; expressing an opinion about a familiar topic; summarizing some key information from sources; retelling an event and present simple information using some frequently occurring linking words; producing simple sentences.	participating in short discussions and conversations; asking and answering simple questions about familiar topics; delivering short simple oral presentations about familiar topics; expressing an opinion about a familiar topic and giving a reason; summarizing information from sources; retelling a simple sequence of events and presenting simple information.	participating in discussions and conversations; delivering short simple oral presentations about a variety of topics; expressing opinions about a variety of topics; summarizing information and answering questions from provided sources; recounting multiple events in sequence and presenting simple information about a topic; producing and expanding simple	participating in extended discussions and conversations; delivering oral presentations with a few descriptive details about a variety of topics; expressing opinions about a variety of topics; summarizing information and answering questions from sources; recounting a more complex sequence of events and providing some facts; producing and expanding simple and compound sentences.

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Reading	Reading	Reading	Reading	Reading
Level 1 Beginning	Level 2 Early Intermediate	Level 3 Intermediate	Level 4 Early Advanced	Level 5 Advanced
2 nd Score Range: 456 or below 3 rd Score Range: 494 or below	2 nd Score Range: 457-488 3 rd Score Range: 495-540	2 nd Score Range: 489-554 3 rd Score Range: 541-609	2 nd Score Range: 555-594 3 rd Score Range: 610-643	2 nd Score Range: 595 or above 3 rd Score Range: 644 or above
When reading grade-	When reading grade-	When reading grade-appropriate	When reading grade-appropriate	When reading grade-appropriate
appropriate text, the student at Level 1 is working on:	appropriate text, the student at Level 2 is working on:	text, the student at Level 3 is working on:	text, the student at Level 4 is working on:	text, the student at Level 5 is working on:
recognizing and understanding the meaning of basic words, phrases, and expressions to make meaning of text; responding to basic questions; gaining basic information.	identifying and understanding common words, phrases, and expressions to make meaning of text; identifying main idea; responding to basic questions.	identifying main idea and some key details; responding to questions; understanding the meaning of content vocabulary and less common words and expressions to make meaning of text; beginning to understand how word structures affect meaning.	determining the main idea and a number of key details that support the main idea; answering more complex questions; understanding the meaning of some academic and content vocabulary and less common words and expressions to make meaning of text; understanding how word structures affect meaning.	determining the main idea and explain how key details support the main idea; answering more complex questions; understanding the meaning of some academic and content vocabulary and less common words and expressions to make meaning of text; understanding how word structures affect meaning.

Writing	Writing	Writing	Writing	Writing
Level 1 Beginning	Level 2 Early Intermediate	Level 3 Intermediate	Level 4 Early Advanced	Level 5 Advanced
2 nd Score Range: 451 or below	2 nd Score Range: 452-492	2 nd Score Range: 493-554	2 nd Score Range: 555-590	2 nd Score Range: 591 or above
3 rd Score Range: 497 or below	3 rd Score Range: 498-541	3 rd Score Range: 542-602	3 rd Score Range:603-635	3 rd Score Range:636 or above
When writing, the student at	When writing, the student at	When writing, the student at Level	When writing, the student at Level 4	When writing, the student at Level
Level 1 is working on:	Level 2 is working on:	3 is working on:	is working on:	5 is working on:
creating words by filling in a missing letter; using a small number of frequently occurring nouns and verbs; answering basic questions and producing basic information using isolated words or phrases.	creating words by filling in a missing letter; composing words, phrases, and simple sentences related to prompt; recognizing and using frequently occurring parts of speech; choosing basic words to communicate meaning.	creating words by filling in a missing letter; composing simple and compound sentences with clear meaning that relate to a prompt; recognizing and using parts of speech; developing control of verb tenses; expanding word choice to communicate meaning.	composing simple, compound, and some complex sentences with a clear meaning that relate to a prompt; recognizing and using parts of speech; increasing use of complex grammar structures; expanding word choice to communicate meaning.	composing compound and complex sentences with a clear meaning that relate to a prompt; recognizing and using parts of speech; accurately using complex grammar structures; expanding word choice to communicate meaning.

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Listening	Listening	Listening	Listening	Listening
Level 1 Beginning	Level 2 Early Intermediate	Level 3 Intermediate	Level 4 Early Advanced	Level 5 Advanced
2 nd Score Range: 407 or below	2 nd Score Range: 408-437	2 nd Score Range: 438-511	2 nd Score Range: 512-563	2 nd Score Range: 564 or above
3 rd Score Range: 408 or below	3 rd Score Range: 409-447	3 rd Score Range: 448-535	3 rd Score Range: 536-597	3 rd Score Range:598 or above
When listening, the student at	When listening, the student at	When listening, the student at	When listening, the student at Level	When listening, the student at Level 5
Level 1 is working on:	Level 2 is working on:	Level 3 is working on:	4 is working on:	is working on:
identifying and gathering	identifying and gathering	identifying, gathering and sequencing	identifying, gathering and sequencing	identifying, gathering and sequencing
information from an oral	information from an oral	information from an oral presentation;	information from an oral presentation;	information from a long oral presentation;
presentation; determining the	presentation; determining the	identifying main points and retelling	identifying main points and retelling	identifying main points and retelling key
meaning of a few key words and	meaning of basic vocabulary and	key details; asking and answering	key details in complex stories and	details in complex stories and longer
phrases; participating in a short	common content vocabulary;	questions; determining the meaning	longer presentations; determining the	presentations; determining the meaning
conversation and responding to	participating in longer	of higher-level vocabulary and content	meaning of advanced vocabulary;	of advanced vocabulary; drawing
basic questions; following basic	conversations and responding to	vocabulary; following multi-step	drawing conclusions based on	conclusions and making comparisons
directions.	basic questions; identifying main	directions.	conversations.	based on a long conversation.
	topic and some key details;			
	following directions.			

Speaking	Speaking	Speaking	Speaking	Speaking
Level 1 Beginning	Level 2 Early Intermediate	Level 3 Intermediate	Level 4 Early Advanced	Level 5 Advanced
2 nd Score Range: 489 or below	2 nd Score Range: 490-528	2 nd Score Range: 529-554	2 nd Score Range: 555-587	2 nd Score Range: 588 or above
3 rd Score Range: 499 or below	3 rd Score Range: 500-537	3 rd Score Range:538-571	3 rd Score Range:572-611	3 rd Score Range:612 or above
When speaking, the student	When speaking, the student at	When speaking, the student at	When speaking, the student at	When speaking, the student at Level 5
at Level 1 is working on:	Level 2 is working on:	Level 3 is working on:	Level 4 is working on:	is working on:
responding to basic questions about familiar topics and participating in short conversations; communicating basic information using frequently occurring words and simple sentences about familiar texts and topics; expressing opinions on familiar topics.	responding to basic questions about familiar texts and topics and participating in short conversations; delivering basic oral presentations about familiar texts and topics; communicating basic information; recounting two sequential events and using linking words to connect ideas; producing simple sentences and using common word choices; expressing opinions on familiar topics.	participating in short discussions including asking questions and adding comments; delivering short oral presentations about familiar topics; presenting information, recounting short sequences of events, and using linking words to connect ideas; expanding simple sentences, word choice and verbs; expressing opinions on familiar topics with at least one reason for the opinion.	participating in discussions by asking and answering questions; delivering short oral presentations on a variety of topics; introducing topics and presenting facts using temporal and linking words to connect ideas; expanding use of compound sentences, word choices, and verbs; expressing opinions and reasons on a variety of topics.	participating in extended discussions by asking and answering questions; delivering oral presentations on a variety of topics; introducing topics, presenting facts using temporal and linking words, and articulating a conclusion; expanding use of complex sentences, word choices and verbs; expressing opinions by giving several reasons for the opinions; articulating conclusions about the opinions.

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Reading	Reading	Reading	Reading	Reading
Level 1 Beginning	Level 2 Early Intermediate	Level 3 Intermediate	Level 4 Early Advanced	Level 5 Advanced
4 th Score Range: 452 or below	4 th Score Range: 453-487	4 th Score Range: 488-549	4 th Score Range 550-593	4 th Score Range: 594 or above
5 th Score Range: 467 or below	5 th Score Range: 468-510	5 th Score Range: 511-587	5 th Score Range 588-626	5 th Score Range: 627 or above
When reading grade-	When reading grade-	When reading grade-appropriate	When reading grade-	When reading grade-appropriate text,
appropriate text, the student	appropriate text, the student at	text, the student at Level 3 is	appropriate text, the student at	the student at Level 5 is working on:
at Level 1 is working on:	Level 2 is working on:	working on:	Level 4 is working on:	
identifying a few key words and phrases in simple written text; gathering information from a few provided sources and labelling some key information.	determining the meaning of key words, phrases, and some expressions in simple written text; identifying the main topic and retelling a few key details; gathering and recording some information from provided sources.	determining the meaning of key words, phrases and some idiomatic expressions; reading short literary or informational texts and identifying the main idea or theme and one or two supporting details; gathering information from written sources and identifying key information.	determining the meaning of general academic and content-specific words, phrases and idiomatic expressions; identifying the main idea or theme and explaining how it is supported by details; summarizing excerpts from a variety of texts; reading and interpreting information from a graph to draw conclusions.	determining the meaning of figurative language; recognizing text types, such as compare and contrast or cause and effect, to identify key information and to make a summary or prediction; identifying author's purpose, and explaining how reasons and evidence support or fail to support particular points; gathering information from written sources and summarizing key ideas and information using graphics.

Writing	Writing	Writing	Writing	Writing
Level 1 Beginning	Level 2 Early Intermediate	Level 3 Intermediate	Level 4 Early Advanced	Level 5 Advanced
4 th Score Range: 436 or below 5 th Score Range: 437 or below	4 th Score Range: 437-480 5 th Score Range: 438-485	4 th Score Range: 481-567 5 th Score Range: 486-597	4 th Score Range: 568-599 5 th Score Range: 598-627	4 th Score Range: 600 or above 5 th Score Range: 628 or above
When writing, the student at Level 1 is working on:	When writing, the student at Level 2 is working on:	When writing, the student at Level 3 is working on:	When writing, the student at Level 4 is working on:	When writing, the student at Level 5 is working on:
communicating basic information about an event or a topic using a narrow range of vocabulary and simple sentences; participating in short written exchanges and responding to simple and some wh- questions about familiar topics.	producing simple sentences using basic language structures; expressing an opinion or constructing a simple claim with a supporting reason; recounting a simple sequence of events, using basic linking words; asking a question about a topic or text.	producing and expanding simple and compound sentences; composing brief narratives or informational texts, including a few details; constructing a claim about a familiar topic, introducing the topic and providing a few supporting reasons or evidence; asking and answering questions, responding to others' comments, and adding own comments.	producing and expanding simple, compound and complex sentences; composing narratives or informational texts about a variety of topics with details and conclusions; recounting a detailed sequence of events using transitional words and phrases to connect events, ideas, and opinions; asking and answering relevant questions, adding information and evidence.	participating in extended written exchanges about a variety of topics and texts, building on the ideas of others, and adding relevant and detailed information using evidence; composing narratives or informational texts, developing the topic with details and examples, and a concluding section; composing a claim, providing logically ordered reasons or fact to support the claim, and a concluding statement; summarizing key ideas.

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Listening	Listening	Listening	Listening	Listening
Level 1 Beginning	Level 2 Early Intermediate	Level 3 Intermediate	Level 4 Early Advanced	Level 5 Advanced
4 th Score Range: 397 or below	4 th Score Range: 398-430	4 th Score Range: 431-491	4 th Score Range: 492-562	4 th Score Range: 563 or above
5 th Score Range: 412 or below	5 th Score Range: 413-454	5 th Score Range: 455-497	5 th Score Range: 498-580	5 th Score Range: 581 or above
When listening, the student at	When listening, the student at	When listening, the student at	When listening, the student at	When listening, the student at Level 5 is
Level 1 is working on:	Level 2 is working on:	Level 3 is working on:	Level 4 is working on:	working on:
determining the meaning of a	determining the meaning of a few	determining the meaning of words,	determining the meaning of general	determining the meaning of figurative
few basic words and phrases and	basic words and phrases and	phrases and some idiomatic	academic and content-specific	language; participating in extended
formulaic expressions in oral	expressions in oral presentations;	expressions; participating in short	words and phrases, and idiomatic	conversations and discussions about a
presentations; listening to short	participating in short conversations	conversations and discussions, asking	expressions; participating in	variety of topics and texts, asking relevant
conversations and responding to	and discussions and responding to	and answering questions; identifying	conversations and discussions,	questions and summarizing key ideas;
simple questions and some wh-	simple questions; identifying the	the main idea and key details about a	answering relevant questions and	explaining how reasons and evidence are
questions; identifying a point a	main idea and a key detail from a	familiar topic; identify how one or two	building on the ideas of others;	sufficient to support the main ideas in a
speaker makes.	read-aloud or oral presentation;	reasons support the specific points a	determining the main idea or theme	presentation.
	identifying a speaker's main point,	speaker makes.	and explaining how it is supported	
	and agree or disagree with the		by key details.	
	speaker.			

Speaking	Speaking	Speaking	Speaking	Speaking
Level 1 Beginning	Level 2 Early Intermediate	Level 3 Intermediate	Level 4 Early Advanced	Level 5 Advanced
4 th Score Range: 461 or below	4 th Score Range: 462-505	4 th Score Range: 506-543	4 th Score Range: 544-583	4 th Score Range: 584 or above
5 th Score Range: 482 or below	5 th Score Range: 483-525	5 th Score Range: 526-572	5 th Score Range: 573-606	5 th Score Range: 607 or above
When speaking, the student	When speaking, the student at	When speaking, the student at	When speaking, the student at	When speaking, the student at Level 5 is
at Level 1 is working on:	Level 2 is working on:	Level 3 is working on:	Level 4 is working on:	working on:
participating in short	participating in short conversations,	participating in short conversations	participating in conversations and	participating in extended conversations and
conversations using a few words	responding to simple wh- questions;	and discussions, asking and answering	discussions about a variety of	discussions, adding relevant and detailed
or phrases; communicating	delivering short oral presentations	questions, responding to the	topics, building on the ideas of	information using evidence, and
simple information about an	or describing pictures and graphs	comments of others, and adding own	others, expressing own ideas, and	summarizing key ideas; delivering a
event or topic using a narrow	using simple language structures;	comments; delivering short oral	adding relevant information and	presentation with details and examples;
range of vocabulary and simple	recounting a simple sequence of	presentations including a few details	evidence; recounting a detailed	constructing a claim and providing logically
sentences; expressing an opinion	events in order; constructing a	and a conclusion; constructing a claim	sequence of events with a	ordered reasons or facts to support the
about a familiar topic.	claim with one supporting reason.	and providing a few supporting	beginning, middle and end;	claim.
		reasons or facts.	developing a topic with facts and	
			details, using transitional words and	
			phrases to connect events, ideas,	
			and opinions.	

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Reading	Reading	Reading	Reading	Reading
Level 1 Beginning	Level 2 Early Intermediate	Level 3 Intermediate	Level 4 Early Advanced	Level 5 Advanced
6 th Score Range: 460 or below	6 th Score Range: 461-495	6 th Score Range: 496-564	6 th Score Range: 565-603	6 th Score Range: 604 or above
7 th Score Range: 485 or below	7 th Score Range: 486-533	7 th Score Range: 534-608	7 th Score Range: 609-641	7 th Score Range: 642 or above
8 th Score Range: 493 or below	8 th Score Range: 494-546	8 th Score Range: 547-639	8 th Score Range 640-668	8 th Score Range: 669 or above
When reading grade-	When reading grade-	When reading grade-appropriate	When reading grade-appropriate	When reading grade-appropriate
appropriate text, the student	appropriate text, the student	text, the student at Level 3 is	text, the student at Level 4 is	text, the student at Level 5 is
at Level 1 is working on:	at Level 2 is working on:	working on:	working on:	working on:
identifying a few key words and	identifying the main topic and a	determining the central idea or theme	determining two or more central ideas	determining central ideas or themes and
phrases in simple written texts;	few key details in simple written	and supporting details; responding to	and how they are supported by	how they are supported by specific
identifying basic information	texts; identifying key words and	others' comments and answering	specific details; building on ideas of	details; summarizing key ideas in text;
within text; responding to simple	phrases; responding to simple	questions on familiar topics; gathering	others, adding relevant and specific	responding to others' comments and
questions and some wh-	comments and questions on a	information from a few sources; using	evidence; summarizing text; gathering	answering questions on a variety of
questions on familiar topics.	variety of topics as well as some	context clues to determine the	information from multiple sources to	topics, adding relevant and specific
	wh- questions; gathering and	meanings of general academic and	summarize ideas, information and	evidence; gathering information from
	recording information.	content-specific words and phrases;	observations; analyzing the arguments	sources, evaluating its credibility, and
		explaining an author's argument;	and claims made in text, determining	paraphrasing the data; determining
		analyzing the arguments and claims	the sufficiency of supporting evidence;	whether reasoning is sound and
		made in text, distinguishing between	determining the meaning of content-	evidence is sufficient to support claims;
		those that are supported by reasons or	specific words and phrases and some	determining the meaning of figurative
		evidence and those that are not.	idiomatic expressions.	and connotative language.

Writing	Writing	Writing	Writing	Writing
Level 1 Beginning	Level 2 Early Intermediate	Level 3 Intermediate	Level 4 Early Advanced	Level 5 Advanced
6 th Score Range: 424 or below	6 th Score Range: 425-471	6 th Score Range: 472-563	6 th Score Range: 564-593	6 th Score Range: 594 or above
7 th Score Range: 473 or below	7 th Score Range: 474-519	7 th Score Range: 520-596	7 th Score Range: 597-624	7 th Score Range: 625 or above
8 th Score Range: 483 or below	8 th Score Range: 484-532	8 th Score Range: 533-618	8 th Score Range: 619-646	8 th Score Range: 647 or above
When writing, the student at	When writing, the student at	When writing, the student at Level	When writing, the student at Level	When writing, the student at Level 5
Level 1 is working on:	Level 2 is working on:	3 is working on:	4 is working on:	is working on:
participating in short written	participating in short written	participating in written exchanges with	participating in written exchanges on a	participating in extended written
exchanges and presenting simple	exchanges; composing claims,	some details; constructing a claim	variety of topics and texts; asking and	exchanges on a variety of topics and
information; expressing an	narratives, or informational texts	about a topic, introducing the topic,	answering relevant questions;	texts; adding evidence and summarizing
opinion about a familiar topic;	about familiar topics; providing a	and providing reasons and facts in	paraphrasing to restate information;	ideas; composing narrative and
responding to wh- questions	reason or fact to support the claim;	logical order; providing a concluding	composing narrative and informational	informational texts with relevant details
about presentations using	responding to simple and wh-	statement; asking and answering	texts with specific details about a	about a variety of topics; constructing a
vocabulary from the	questions; recounting a brief	questions, adding relevant information;	variety of topics; constructing a claim	claim, introducing the topic and
presentation topic.	sequence of events in order; using	expressing own ideas in writing;	and providing sufficient reasons to	providing compelling, ordered reasons
	frequently occurring general	recounting a short sequence of events	support it; analyzing an argument or	to support the claim; recounting a
	academic and content-specific	in order with a beginning, middle, and	claim; using simple, compound and	complex sequence of events with a
	words and phrases.	end; using common transitional words	complex sentences with transitional	beginning, middle, and end; adapting
		and phrases.	words and phrases to connect events	language choices and style to the
			and ideas.	purpose and audience; precisely
				expressing ideas while maintaining a
				consistent style and tone.

Listening	Listening	Listening	Listening	Listening
Level 1 Beginning	Level 2 Early Intermediate	Level 3 Intermediate	Level 4 Early Advanced	Level 5 Advanced
6 th Score Range: 409 or below	6 th Score Range: 410-439	6 th Score Range: 440-497	6 th Score Range: 498-564	6 th Score Range: 565 or above
7 th Score Range: 429 or below	7 th Score Range: 430-472	7 th Score Range: 473-552	7 th Score Range: 553-596	7 th Score Range: 597 or above
8 th Score Range: 431 or below	8 th Score Range: 432-477	8 th Score Range: 478-564	8 th Score Range: 565-612	8 th Score Range: 613 or above
When listening, the student	When listening, the student at	When listening, the student at	When listening, the student at	When listening, the student at Level
at Level 1 is working on:	Level 2 is working on:	Level 3 is working on:	Level 4 is working on:	5 is working on:
recognizing a few key words or	recognizing the main topic and	determining the main idea and a few	determining the main idea and	determining main idea or ideas and how
phrases; responding to simple	retelling a few key points;	supporting details; paraphrasing the	supporting evidence; paraphrasing and	each idea is supported with evidence;
questions and some wh-	responding to simple questions	main idea; participating in discussions,	analyzing information to determine if	gathering information from multiple oral
questions; identifying a point	and wh- questions; determining	building on the ideas of others and	the evidence supports the argument;	sources and evaluating the credibility of
made by a speaker.	the meaning of frequently	answering questions; determining the	posing and answering relevant	the information; quoting or citing
	occurring words, phrases and	meaning of general education and	questions; adding additional relevant	examples while paraphrasing data and
	expressions.	content specific words.	information and evidence to key ideas.	conclusions; determining the meaning of
				general academic, context specific,
				figurative and idiomatic phrases.

Speaking	Speaking	Speaking	Speaking	Speaking
Level 1 Beginning	Level 2 Early Intermediate	Level 3 Intermediate	Level 4 Early Advanced	Level 5 Advanced
6 th Score Range: 464 or below 7 th Score Range: 474 or below 8 th Score Range: 475 or below	6 th Score Range: 465-510 7 th Score Range: 475-526 8 th Score Range: 476-527	6 th Score Range: 511-561 7 th Score Range: 527-581 8 th Score Range: 528-589	6 th Score Range: 562-594 7 th Score Range: 582-610 8 th Score Range: 590-618	6 th Score Range: 595 or above 7 th Score Range: 611 or above 8 th Score Range: 619 or above
When speaking, the student at Level 1 is working on:	When speaking, the student at Level 2 is working on:	When speaking, the student at Level 3 is working on:	When speaking, the student at Level 4 is working on:	When speaking, the student at Level 5 is working on:
using basic and topical vocabulary; responding to simple and wh- questions about a presentation; expressing an opinion about a topic; recognizing and using frequently occurring nouns, phrases, and verbs.	offering an opinion or prediction using simple grammatical structures and vocabulary; responding to questions with words relevant to the topic; interpreting the information in a picture or graph about a familiar topic, constructing a claim and providing a supporting reason; producing simple and compound sentences.	describing a picture or graph using general academic and content-specific vocabulary, and compound as well as complex sentences; constructing a claim and providing several supporting reasons or facts in a logical order; adapting language choices to audience; delivering a short oral presentation, or recounting a brief sequence of events in order using linking words.	participating in conversations and discussions with appropriate grammatical structures; recounting a detailed sequence of events with a beginning, middle, and end; summarizing information using simple, compound and complex sentences; supporting main ideas clearly with relevant and specific evidence; deliver oral presentations about a variety of topics and experiences.	making predictions and drawing conclusions from a variety of sources; asking and answering questions, and stating opinions with appropriate grammatical structures and vocabulary; recounting a complex sequence of events; making a claim with simple, compound, and complex sentences.

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Reading	Reading	Reading	Reading	Reading
Level 1 Beginning	Level 2 Early Intermediate	Level 3 Intermediate	Level 4 Early Advanced	Level 5 Advanced
9-12 Score Range: 487 or below	9-12 Score Range: 488-538	9-12 Score Range: 539-630	9-12 Score Range 631-661	9-12 Score Range: 662 or above
When reading grade-	When reading grade-	When reading grade-	When reading grade-	When reading grade-appropriate
appropriate text, the student at	appropriate text, the student at	appropriate text, the student at	appropriate text, the student at	text, the student at Level 5 is
Level 1 is working on:	Level 2 is working on:	Level 3 is working on:	Level 4 is working on:	working on:
recognizing the meaning of	identifying the meanings of key	determining the meaning of general	determining the meaning of	determining the meaning of figurative
frequently occurring words, simple	vocabulary, frequently occurring	academic and content-specific	figurative language and some	language, and idiomatic expressions;
phrases, and formulaic expressions	words, phrases, and expressions in	words and phrases in literary and	idiomatic expressions; identifying	accurately identifying, summarizing,
in literary and informational text;	literary and informational text;	informational text; identifying and	main ideas and summarizing key	analyzing, and critiquing key points,
identifying the point an author	recognizing the main	paraphrasing main concepts and	points from literary and	main ideas and arguments of others
makes; responding to yes/no and	idea/argument of a text and	information; comprehending	informational texts; analyzing the	presented in writing; gathering and
some wh- questions to	retelling a few key details; gathering	exchanges of written information or	reasoning and use of rhetoric in	synthesizing information from multiple
demonstrate understanding of text;	information from provided sources	data; explaining the reasons and	persuasive texts; conducting	written sources, evaluating the
gathering information from	and summarizing data and	textual evidence to support a claim;	research based on written sources	reliability of each source.
provided sources and labeling	information.	gathering information from multiple	of information, demonstrating	
collected information.		sources.	comprehension by evaluating	
			written findings.	

Writing	Writing	Writing	Writing	Writing
Level 1 Beginning	Level 2 Early Intermediate	Level 3 Intermediate	Level 4 Early Advanced	Level 5 Advanced
9-12 Score Range: 484 or below	9-12 Score Range: 485-532	9-12 Score Range: 533-614	9-12 Score Range: 615-640	9-12 Score Range: 641 or above
When writing, the student at	When writing, the student at	When writing, the student at	When writing, the student at	When writing, the student at Level
Level 1 is working on:	Level 2 is working on:	Level 3 is working on:	Level 4 is working on:	5 is working on:
communicating basic information about a topic using a narrow range of vocabulary and simple sentences; using basic language structures to communicate context-specific messages; participating in short written exchanges on familiar topics and texts.	writing clear and coherent simple and compound sentences using common linking words; constructing written claims with some organization, supported by a reason or evidence and a concluding statement; recounting a short sequence of events in order; providing one or two facts about a topic; writing one relevant question about a prompt.	using multiple complete sentences with organization and some details to develop an informational topic; constructing written claims to communicate clear, coherent, context-specific messages using a variety of language structures; participating in written exchanges, building on the ideas of others, restating some of the key ideas expressed, and expressing own ideas; writing relevant questions that demonstrate understanding.	producing a coherent narrative with details using compound and complex sentences; using a variety of language structures accurately in context-specific messages; constructing written claims with reasons in basic paragraph form; participating in written exchanges on a range of topics, texts, and issues; introducing and developing an informational topic with facts, details, and evidence.	producing a coherent narrative with details using compound and complex sentences, with complex and varied transitions to link the sections of a text and to clarify relationships among events and ideas; composing informational texts about a variety of topics with relevant details, concepts, examples, and information; expressing ideas clearly and persuasively; introducing and distinguishing a claim from a counter-claim, providing logically ordered, relevant reasons and supporting evidence to refute the counter-claim.

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	Listening	Listening	Listening
Intermediate Leve	el 3 Intermediate	Level 4 Early Advanced	Level 5 Advanced
ange: 451-490 9-12 Sc	core Range: 491-570	9-12 Score Range: 571-612	9-12 Score Range: 613 or above
the student at When list	tening, the student at	When listening, the student at	When listening, the student at Level 5
g on: Level 3 is	working on:	Level 4 is working on:	is working on:
ng words, phrases, academic a words, phrases, depicting and uments of others identifying the celling a key detail con from oral participating in participating in s. academic a words, phrases, demonstra occurring edemonstra oral preser information information the central supporting ideas and in explaining developed	g reasons, restating key information, and g how the theme is d by specific details;	determining meanings of general academic and content-specific words and phrases, figurative language, and some idiomatic expressions; demonstrating comprehension by participating in a range of discussion topics; inferring the intent and analyzing the speaker's development of themes and ideas; analyzing the reasoning and use of rhetoric in persuasive speech to determine whether the evidence is sufficient to support the	determining meanings of idiomatic expressions and figurative language in oral presentations and conversations; determining and summarizing central ideas or themes, analyzing their development and evidence discussed; construct meaning from oral presentations on academic topics and literary texts; inferring, analyzing and critiquing the intent, reasoning and use of rhetoric of a speaker.
•	s. supporting ideas and explaining developed adding info	' '	supporting reasons, restating key ideas and information, and evidence is supporting how the theme is developed by specific details; adding information and evidence to and ideas; analyzing the reasoning and use of rhetoric in persuasive speech to determine whether the evidence is sufficient to support the claim.

Speaking	Speaking	Speaking	Speaking	Speaking
Level 1 Beginning	Level 2 Early Intermediate	Level 3 Intermediate	Level 4 Early Advanced	Level 5 Advanced
9-12 Score Range: 480 or below	9-12 Score Range: 481-535	9-12 Score Range: 536-592	9-12 Score Range: 593-618	9-12 Score Range: 619 or above
When speaking, the student at	When speaking, the student at	When speaking, the student at	When speaking, the student at	When speaking, the student at Level 5
Level 1 is working on:	Level 2 is working on:	Level 3 is working on:	Level 4 is working on:	is working on:
communicating basic information	producing simple and compound	speaking about informational and	using standard language forms and	participating in extended conversations
about an event or topic using a	sentences to present information	complex literary text or delivering	complex transitions to clarify	and discussions and delivering oral
narrow range of vocabulary and	and ideas; participating in short	short oral presentations using	relationships among events and	presentations on a range of topics, texts,
simple sentences; participating in	conversations about familiar topics	standard language forms;	ideas; analyzing and critiquing	and issues; asking and answering
short conversations; presenting	and texts; recounting a short	recounting a sequence of events	others' arguments; participating in	questions to probe reasoning and claims;
information, and responding to	sequence of events; constructing a	with a beginning, middle, and end;	conversations and discussions or	summarizing key ideas and evidence; fully
simple questions and some wh-	spoken claim supported by opinions,	introducing and developing an	giving oral presentations on a range	developing a claim or topic with relevant
questions; expressing an opinion	reasoning or evidence; introducing a	informational topic with facts and	of topics, texts, and issues;	details, concepts, examples, and
about a familiar topic.	topic, providing one or two facts	details and a conclusion;	developing presentations to	information; analyzing and integrating
	about the topic, and a concluding	participating in discussions, building	communicate research; introducing	information into a clearly organized oral
	statement.	on the ideas of others and	and developing a claim or an	text.
		expressing own ideas, asking and	informational topic with facts,	
		answering relevant questions, and	details, and evidence.	
		restating some key ideas.		