### Listening Ability

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<td>- Recognizes single, isolated words, greetings and polite expressions.</td>
<td>- Understands predictable questions, statements, and commands in familiar topic areas (with strong context without prompting support). - Requires slower than normal rate of speech and/or with repetitions.</td>
<td>- Understands simple questions, statements and commands on familiar topics and some sentences in new topics with strong contextual support. - May require repetition, slower speech, or rephrasing.</td>
<td>- Understands common questions, commands and statements in a limited number of content areas - Understands questions and statements in new content areas with strong contextual support. - Follows information that is being given at a fairly normal rate.</td>
<td>- Understands most sentence-level speech in new contexts at a normal rate of speech although slow-downs may be necessary for unfamiliar topics. - Carries out commands.</td>
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### Speaking Ability

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<td>- Uses single words, multiple words, short phrases, greetings, polite expressions, and other memorized expressions on a limited number of topics. - Frequent searching for words is common. - May use native language or gestures when attempting to create with language beyond what is known. - Memorized expressions with verbs and other short phrases are usually accurate, but inaccuracies occur when trying to produce language beyond the scope of memorized material.</td>
<td>Partial ability to create with language to convey personal meaning by adapting learned material in single sentences and strings of sentences. - Uses vocabulary from everyday topics and subject area content to provide basic information. - Uses memorized expressions with ease and accuracy. - Can respond in intelligible sentences most of the time but does not sustain sentence-level speech. - Sentences may not always contain the proper verb formations, and other grammatical inaccuracies may be present. - May revert to the use of English when foreign language words cannot be retrieved or when dealing with unfamiliar topics.</td>
<td>Sustained but minimal ability to create with language to convey personal meaning by adapting learned material in single sentences and strings of sentences. - Has basic vocabulary for making statements and asking questions to satisfy basic social and academic needs, but not for explaining or elaborating on them. - Can maintain simple conversations at the sentence level by creating with the language, although in a restrictive and reactive manner. - Handles a limited number of everyday social and subject content interactions. - Uses a variety of common verbs in present tense (formations may be inaccurate) - Other verb tenses/forms may appear but are not frequent. - The listener may be confused by this speech due to the many grammatical inaccuracies.</td>
<td>Confident ability to create with language to convey personal meaning by adapting learned material in single sentences &amp; strings of sentences ask and answer questions handle a simple survival situation (daily needs) in the language - Has basic vocabulary to permit discussions of a personal nature and subject area topics. - May attempt circumlocution when appropriate vocabulary is missing. - Maintains simple sentence-level conversations. - May initiate talk spontaneously without relying on questions or prompts. - May initiate longer, more complex sentences, including the use of basic sentence connectors (e.g., and, but, however) - Uses an increasing number &amp; variety of verbs. - Verbs are mostly in present tense although awareness of other verb tenses (future/past) and forms may be evident. - Meaning is generally clear in spite of some grammatical inaccuracies.</td>
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**READING ABILITY**  
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| - Able to recognize a limited number of letters.  
- They are occasionally able to identify high-frequency words and/or phrases when strongly supported by context. |
| - Able to recognize the letters or symbols  
- Can identify a number of highly contextualized words and phrases including cognates and borrowed words but rarely understand material that exceeds a single phrase.  
- Rereading is often required. |
| Can understand, fully and with relative ease, key words and cognates, as well as formulaic phrases across a range of highly contextualized texts.  
- Where vocabulary has been learned, they can understand predictable language and messages such as those found in the environment.  
- Typically are able to derive meaning from short, non-complex texts that convey basic information for which there is contextual or extralinguistic support. |
| - Can understand some information from the simplest connected texts dealing with a limited number of personal and social needs.  
- There may be frequent misunderstandings.  
- Readers will be challenged to understand connected texts of any length. |

**Writing Ability**  
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| - Copies or transcribes familiar words or phrases  
- Forms letters of the alphabet  
- Produces a very limited number of isolated words or familiar phrases from memory |
| - Writes a modest number of words or phrases in context  
- Can supply limited information on simple forms and documents, including biographical information, such as names, numbers and nationality when asked for  
- Exhibits a high degree of accuracy when writing on well-practiced, familiar topics using limited formulaic language  
- On less familiar topics, shows a marked decrease in accuracy  
- Writing may be difficult to understand even by sympathetic reader |
| Partial ability to  
- create with language to convey personal meaning by adapting learned material in single sentences and strings of sentences  
- ask and answer questions  
- meet limited practical writing needs  
- Meets limited basic practical writing needs  
- Using lists, short messages, and simple notes  
- Writing is focused on common elements of daily school life  
- Can recombine learned vocabulary and structures to create simple sentences on very familiar topics but cannot sustain sentence-level writing all the time  
- Writing is often comprehensible by natives used to the writing of non-natives |
| Sustained but minimal ability to  
- create with language to convey personal meaning by adapting learned material in single sentences & strings of sentences  
- ask and answer questions  
- meet limited practical writing needs  
- Sentences are short, simple, mirroring oral language  
- Sentences are almost exclusively in present time and generally have repetitive structure  
- Topics are highly predictable content areas and personal information  
- Vocabulary is adequate to express elementary needs  
- There are basic errors in grammar, word choice, spelling, punctuation  
- Writing is generally understood by native readers used to the writer of non-natives. |