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<td>Can communicate with ease and confidence by understanding and producing narrations and descriptions in all major time frames and deal efficiently with a situation with an unexpected turn of events. May show emerging evidence of the ability to participate in discussions about issues beyond the concrete.</td>
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<td>Contexts/Content</td>
<td>Able to function in some personally relevant contexts on topics that relate to basic biographical information. May show emerging evidence of the ability to communicate in highly practiced contexts related to oneself and immediate environment.</td>
<td>Able to communicate in contexts related to oneself and others, and one's immediate environment. May show emerging evidence of the ability to communicate in contexts of occasionally unfamiliar topics.</td>
<td>Functions fully and effectively in contexts both personal and general. Content areas include topics of personal and general interest (community, national, and international events) as well as work-related topics and areas of special competence. May show emerging evidence of the ability to communicate in more abstract content areas.</td>
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<td>Text Type</td>
<td>Understands and produces highly practiced words and phrases and an occasional sentence. Able to ask formulaic or memorized questions.</td>
<td>Able to understand and produce discrete sentences, strings of sentences and some connected sentences. Able to ask questions to initiate and sustain conversations.</td>
<td>Able to understand and produce discourse in full oral paragraphs that are organized, cohesive, and detailed. Able to ask questions to probe beyond basic details.</td>
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<td>Can usually comprehend highly practiced and basic messages when supported by visual or contextual clues, redundancy or restatement, and when the message contains familiar structures. Can control memorized language sufficiently to be appropriate to the context and understood by those accustomed to dealing with language learners, however at times with difficulty.</td>
<td>Understands straightforward language that contains mostly familiar structures. Control of language is sufficient to be understood by those accustomed to dealing with language learners.</td>
<td>Language control is sufficient to interact efficiently and effectively with those unacquainted to dealing with language learners. Consistent control of basic high-frequency structures facilitates comprehension and production.</td>
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<td>Vocabulary</td>
<td>Able to understand and produce a number of high frequency words, highly practiced expressions, and formularic questions.</td>
<td>Communicates using high frequency and personalized vocabulary within familiar themes or topics.</td>
<td>Comprehends and produces a broad range of vocabulary related to school, employment, topics of personal interest, and generic vocabulary related to current events and matters of public and community interest.</td>
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<td>Communication Strategies</td>
<td>May use some or all of the following strategies to maintain communication, able to: • Initiate modeled words • Use facial expressions and gestures • Repeat words • Resort to first language • Ask for repetition • Indicate lack of understanding</td>
<td>Uses some of the following strategies to maintain communication, but not all of the time and inconsistently, able to: • Ask questions • Ask for clarification • Selfcorrect or restate when not understood • Circumlocute</td>
<td>Uses a range of strategies to maintain communication, able to: • Request clarification • Repeat • Paraphrase • Circumlocate</td>
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<td>Cultural Awareness</td>
<td>May use culturally appropriate gestures and formularic expressions in highly practiced applications. May show awareness of the most obvious cultural differences or prohibitions, but may often miss cues indicating miscommunication.</td>
<td>Recognizes and uses some culturally appropriate vocabulary, expressions, and gestures when participating in everyday interactions. Recognizes that differences exist in cultural behaviors and perspectives and can conform in familiar situations.</td>
<td>Understands and uses cultural knowledge to conform linguistically and behaviorally in many social and work-related interactions. Shows conscious awareness of significant cultural differences and attempts to adjust accordingly.</td>
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| **Understands words, phrases, and formulaic language that have been practiced and memorized to get meaning of the main idea from simple, highly-predictable oral or written texts, with strong visual support.**

Comprehends meaning through recognition of key words and formulaic phrases that are highly contextualized.

May show emerging evidence of the ability to make inferences based on background and prior knowledge.

**Comprehends texts with highly predictable, familiar contexts (those related to personal background, prior knowledge, or experience).**

Derives meaning when authentic texts (listening, reading, or viewing) are supported by visual or when the topic is very familiar.

Comprehends texts ranging in length from lists, to phrases, to simple sentences, often with graphically-organized information.

**Comprehends main ideas and some supporting details on familiar topics from a variety of texts.**

Comprehends main ideas and identifies some supporting details.

May show emerging evidence of the ability to make inferences by identifying key details from the text.

Comprehends the main idea and supporting details of narrative, descriptive, and straightforward persuasive texts.

Makes inferences and derives meaning from context and linguistic features.

**Comprehends texts pertaining to real-world topics of general interest related to personal, social, work-related, community, national, and international contexts.**

Comprehends simple stories, routine correspondence, short descriptive texts or other selections within familiar contexts.

Generally comprehends connected sentences and much paragraph-like discourse.

Comprehends information-rich texts with highly predictable order.

Comprehends paragraph discourse such as that found in stories, straightforward literary works, personal and work-related correspondence, written reports or instructions, oral presentations (news), anecdotes, descriptive texts, and other texts dealing with topics of a concrete nature. |

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| **Primarily relies on vocabulary to derive meaning from texts.**

May derive meaning by recognizing structural patterns that have been used in familiar and some new contexts.

Comprehends some, but not all of the time, highly predictable vocabulary, a limited number of words related to familiar topics, and formulaic expressions.

May use some or all of the following strategies to comprehend texts, able to:

- **Skin and scan**
- **Rely on visual support and background knowledge**
- **Predict meaning based on context, prior knowledge, and/or experience**
  
  For alphabetic languages:
  
  - **Rely on recognition of cognates**
  
  May recognize word family roots, prefixes and suffixes

Using own culture to derive meaning from texts that are heard, read, or viewed.

**Sufficient control of language (vocabulary, structures, conventions of spoken and written language, etc.) to understand fully and with ease short, non-complex texts on familiar topics, limited control of language to understand some more complex texts.**

May derive meaning by:

- Comparing target language structures with those of the native language
- Recognizing parallels in structure between new and familiar language

Comprehends high frequency vocabulary related to everyday topics and high frequency idiomatic expressions.

May use some or all of the following strategies to comprehend texts, able to:

- **Skin and scan**
- **Use visual support and background knowledge**
- **Predict meaning based on context, prior knowledge, and/or experience**
- **Use context clues**
  
  Recognize word family roots, prefixes and suffixes

For non-alphabetic languages:

- **Recognize radicals**

Generally relies heavily on knowledge of own culture with increasing knowledge of the target culture(s) to interpret texts that are heard, read, or viewed.

**Sufficient control of language (vocabulary, structures, conventions of spoken and written language, etc.) to understand fully and with ease more complex and descriptive texts with connected language and cohesive devices.**

Derives meaning by:

- Understanding sequencing, time frames, and chronology
- Classifying words or concepts according to word order or grammatical use

Comprehends generic and some specific vocabulary and structures, specialized and precise vocabulary on topics related to one's experience, and an expanding number of idiomatic expressions.

Comprehends fully the intent of the message adopting strategies for one's own purposes; uses some or all of the following strategies, able to:

- **Skin and scan**
- **Use visual support and background knowledge**
- **Predict meaning based on context, prior knowledge, and/or experience**
- **Use context clues**
- **Use linguistic knowledge**
- **Identify the organizing principle of the text**
- **Create references**
- **Differentiate main ideas from supporting details in order to verify**

Uses knowledge of cultural differences between own culture and target culture(s) as well as increasing knowledge of the target culture(s) to interpret texts that are heard, read, or viewed.
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<td>Communicates information on very familiar topics using a variety of words, phrases, and sentences that have been practiced and memorized.</td>
<td>Communicates information and expresses own thoughts about familiar topics using sentences and series of sentences.</td>
<td>Communicates information and expresses self with detail and organization on familiar and some new concrete topics using paragraphs.</td>
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<td>Presents simple, basic information on very familiar topics by producing words, list notes, and formulaic language using highly practiced language.</td>
<td>Expresses own thoughts and presents information and personal preferences on familiar topics by creating with language primarily in present time.</td>
<td>Produces narrations and descriptions in all major time frames on familiar and some unfamiliar topics.</td>
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<td>May show emerging evidence of the ability to express own thoughts and preferences.</td>
<td>May show emerging evidence of the ability to tell or retell a story and provide additional description.</td>
<td>May show emerging evidence of the ability to provide a well-supported argument, including detailed evidence in support of a point of view.</td>
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<td>Creates messages in some personally relevant contexts on topics that relate to basic biographical information.</td>
<td>Creates messages in contexts relevant to oneself and others, and one's immediate environment.</td>
<td>Creates messages fully and effectively in contexts both personal and general.</td>
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<td>May show emerging evidence of the ability to create messages in highly practiced contexts related to oneself and immediate environment.</td>
<td>May show emerging evidence of the ability to create messages on general interest and work-related topics.</td>
<td>Content areas include topics of personal and general interest (community, national, and international events) as well as work-related topics and areas of special competence.</td>
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<td>Text Type</td>
<td>Produces words and phrases and highly practiced sentences or formulaic questions.</td>
<td>Produces sentences, series of sentences, and some connected sentences.</td>
<td>Produces full paragraphs that are organized and detailed.</td>
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<td>Control of language is sufficient to be understood by audiences accustomed to language produced by language learners. With practice, polish, or editing, may show emerging evidence of Advanced-level language control.</td>
<td>Control of high-frequency structures is sufficient to be understood by audiences not accustomed to language produced by language learners. With practice, polish, or editing, shows evidence of Advanced-level control of grammar and syntax.</td>
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<td>Vocabulary</td>
<td>With practice, polish, or editing, may show emerging evidence of Intermediate-level language control.</td>
<td>Produces vocabulary on variety of everyday topics, topics of personal interest, and topics that have been studied.</td>
<td>Produces a broad range of vocabulary related to topics of personal, public, and community interest, and some specific vocabulary related to areas of study or expertise.</td>
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<td>Communication Strategies</td>
<td>Produces a number of high frequency words and formulaic expressions, able to use a limited variety of vocabulary on familiar topics.</td>
<td>May use some or all of the following strategies to communicate and maintain audience interest, able to:</td>
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|                  | • Rely on a practiced format  
• Use facial expressions and gestures  
• Repeat words  
• Resort to first language  
• Use graphic organizers to present information  
• Rely on multiple drafts and practice sessions with feedback  
• Support presentational speaking with visuals and notes  
• Support presentational writing with visuals or prompts. | • Show an increasing awareness of errors and able to self-correct or edit  
• Use phrases, imagery, or content  
• Simplify  
• Use known language to compensate for missing vocabulary  
• Use graphic organizer  
• Use reference resources as appropriate. | • Demonstrate conscious efforts at self-editing and correction  
• Elaborate and clarify  
• Provide examples, synonyms, or antonyms  
• Use cohesion, chronology and details to explain or narrate fully  
• Circumlocute. |
| Cultural Awareness | May use some memorized culturally appropriate gestures, formulaic expressions, and basic writing conventions. | Uses some culturally appropriate vocabulary, expressions, and gestures. Reflects some knowledge of cultural differences related to written and spoken communication. | Uses cultural knowledge appropriate to the presentational context and increasingly reflective or authentic cultural practices and perspectives. |