

# Language Proficiency Outcomes: What I Can Do

Track your progress across the four language skills

## READING

NOVICE			INTERMEDIATE			ADVANCED			SUPERIOR
Low	Mid	High	Low	Mid	High	Low	Mid	High	
<p>I can identify some words, phrases, or characters, especially those that are similar to words in my own language.</p> <p>I can recognize familiar words in simple messages.</p>	<p>I can understand familiar words, phrases, and simple sentences.</p> <p>I can understand simple written messages and questions about familiar topics.</p>	<p>I can understand some ideas in simple texts that contain familiar vocabulary. I can understand the main idea and some details in texts that contain familiar vocabulary.</p> <p>I can understand simple written exchanges and messages on familiar topics.</p>	<p>I can understand the main idea and many details in texts that contain familiar vocabulary and some details in texts that contain unfamiliar vocabulary.</p> <p>I can understand written exchanges and follow simple written conversations on familiar topics.</p>	<p>I can understand the main idea and most details in texts on familiar topics.</p> <p>I can understand the main idea and many details in texts that contain unfamiliar vocabulary.</p> <p>I can follow and participate in written discussions and exchanges on familiar topics.</p>	<p>I can usually understand viewpoints and attitudes expressed in literary and non-literary texts.</p> <p>I can understand complex written exchanges and discussions, including those with multiple participants.</p>	<p>I can easily understand long, complex texts and recognize some literary and technical styles.</p> <p>I can understand extended written discussions and exchanges on unfamiliar topics with fluency.</p>	<p>I can understand abstract and linguistically complex texts.</p> <p>I can make appropriate inferences and identify literary elements.</p> <p>I can understand sophisticated written communications and exchanges across a wide range of topics and contexts.</p>	<p>I can understand with ease virtually all forms of written language.</p> <p>I can understand complex written exchanges with cultural nuances and implied meanings.</p>	<p>I can understand with ease virtually all forms of written language.</p> <p>I can effortlessly understand any written communication in any context.</p>

## WRITING

NOVICE			INTERMEDIATE			ADVANCED			SUPERIOR
Low	Mid	High	Low	Mid	High	Low	Mid	High	
<p>I can copy some characters and words.</p> <p>I can write single words and memorized phrases.</p>	<p>I can provide some basic information on familiar topics in lists, phrases, and memorized expressions.</p> <p>I can write simple messages using words and phrases.</p>	<p>I can write descriptions and short messages to request or provide information on familiar topics using phrases and simple sentences.</p> <p>I can exchange written information on familiar tasks and topics.</p>	<p>I can write on familiar topics and experiences using a series of sentences with some details.</p> <p>I can write simple messages and participate in brief written exchanges on familiar topics.</p>	<p>I can write communications, descriptions, and explanations on familiar topics using connected sentences with many details.</p> <p>I can exchange written opinions and information on a variety of familiar topics.</p>	<p>I can write communications, narratives, descriptions, or explanations on familiar topics using connected, detailed paragraphs.</p> <p>I can write to express and support my views in written discussions and exchanges.</p>	<p>I can express ideas on a variety of topics in clear, organized texts.</p> <p>I can adjust my writing for some audiences.</p> <p>I can participate in written discussions and exchanges with fluency on familiar topics, even in complicated situations.</p>	<p>I can write detailed texts on a broad variety of concrete social and professional topics.</p> <p>I can express and defend my viewpoint in written communications on familiar and some new topics, including academic and professional topics.</p>	<p>I can express myself with fluency and precision on concrete and some abstract topics.</p> <p>I can adapt my writing style according to purpose and audience.</p> <p>I can write with fluency, flexibility and precision, adapting my language for different written contexts and situations.</p>	<p>I can effectively and consistently express myself in a variety of styles for academic and professional audiences and purposes.</p> <p>I can write effortlessly for any purpose in any written communication context.</p>

## LISTENING

NOVICE			INTERMEDIATE			ADVANCED			SUPERIOR
Low	Mid	High	Low	Mid	High	Low	Mid	High	
<p>I can understand a few familiar words. I can understand some words that are similar to those in my own language.</p> <p>I can understand simple words in conversations directed at me.</p>	<p>I can understand some everyday words, phrases and questions about myself, my personal experiences, and my surroundings, when people speak slowly and clearly or there is repetition.</p> <p>I can understand simple questions and responses in basic conversations.</p>	<p>I can understand some ideas on familiar topics containing phrases, simple sentences, and frequently used expressions.</p> <p>I can understand the main point in short conversations, messages and announcements.</p> <p>I can follow simple conversations and exchanges on familiar topics when I am a participant.</p>	<p>I can understand the main idea and some details on familiar topics expressed in sentences, short conversations, presentations, and messages.</p> <p>I can understand and participate in conversations and discussions on familiar topics with some details.</p>	<p>I can understand the main idea and many details on familiar topics in a series of connected sentences, conversations, presentations, and messages.</p> <p>I can follow and participate in extended conversations and group discussions on familiar topics.</p>	<p>I can understand the main points and most details in conversations, presentations, and messages on familiar topics.</p> <p>I can understand the main idea and some details on unfamiliar topics.</p> <p>I can participate in complex conversations and handle discussions with complications on familiar topics.</p>	<p>I can understand some extended speech on unfamiliar topics delivered through a variety of media.</p> <p>I can understand most spoken language and some technical discussions. I can understand some accents and dialects.</p> <p>I can participate actively in extended discussions and handle complicated conversational situations with fluency.</p>	<p>I can clearly understand extended speech and short lectures, even when somewhat complicated.</p> <p>I can understand most forms of media with little effort.</p> <p>I can participate in sophisticated discussions and debates, understanding multiple perspectives and complex arguments.</p>	<p>I can understand any kind of spoken language, including most accents and dialects.</p> <p>I can participate effortlessly in any conversation or discussion, understanding subtle nuances and cultural references.</p>	<p>I can understand any kind of spoken language, including most accents and dialects.</p> <p>I can participate effortlessly in any spoken interaction in any context.</p>

## SPEAKING

NOVICE			INTERMEDIATE			ADVANCED			SUPERIOR
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<p>I can provide information about myself and my immediate surroundings using single words or memorized phrases.</p> <p>I can communicate using single words and memorized phrases.</p>	<p>I can provide information about myself and my immediate surroundings using words, phrases, and memorized expressions.</p> <p>I can interact with help using words, phrases, and memorized expressions.</p> <p>I can answer simple questions on very familiar topics.</p>	<p>I can provide basic information on familiar topics using phrases and simple sentences.</p> <p>I can exchange information on familiar tasks, topics, and activities.</p> <p>I can handle short social interactions using phrases and simple sentences, but may need help or visuals to keep the conversation going.</p>	<p>I can provide information on familiar topics using a series of sentences with some details.</p> <p>I can begin and carry on a conversation on a limited number of familiar topics.</p> <p>I can ask and answer simple questions and exchange information in familiar situations using phrases and a series of sentences.</p>	<p>I can describe experiences, events, and plans, give opinions, narrate a story, and make a simple factual presentation using connected sentences with many details.</p> <p>I can state my views and carry on conversations on a variety of familiar topics and in uncomplicated situations.</p>	<p>I can present information on familiar topics with clarity and detail.</p> <p>I can present my viewpoint on an issue and support my opinions.</p> <p>I can state and support my views and take an active part in discussions.</p> <p>I can handle some complicated situations on familiar topics.</p>	<p>I can deliver a clear, organized presentation appropriate to my audience on a variety of topics.</p> <p>I can communicate with a fair amount of fluency and spontaneity on familiar topics, even in complicated situations.</p> <p>I can link ideas in extended discussions.</p> <p>I can participate actively in most informal and a few formal conversations.</p>	<p>I can deliver a clearly articulated presentation on personal, academic, or professional topics.</p> <p>I can actively express myself with fluency and flexibility on a range of familiar and some new topics, including concrete social, academic, and professional topics.</p> <p>I can express and defend my viewpoint or recommendations.</p>	<p>I can deliver a clear and fluid presentation and appropriately respond to the audience.</p> <p>I can express myself with fluency, flexibility and precision on concrete and some abstract topics.</p> <p>I can adapt my language in most situations.</p>	<p>I can deliver a presentation for a variety of purposes in a style appropriate to any type of audience.</p> <p>I can effectively and consistently use language for all purposes.</p> <p>I can take part effortlessly in any conversation or discussion.</p>