Novice Low: The Parrot

I can...

- Repeat single words or short phrases I've heard and memorized
- Greet others
- Recognize some words that I have heard before
- Give my name
- Name a few things around me
- Answer questions with "yes" or "no"
- Count to 10

- Learning more words and phrases
- Understanding more things that I read or hear
- Asking some simple questions



Novice Mid: The Toddler

I can...

- Use different words and phrases I've heard and memorized
- Introduce myself
- Greet others in different ways
- Name some of my likes and dislikes



- Ask simple questions
- List things, like colors, animals, numbers
- Give time, date, and weather info
- Awkward wording like "Me like" is OK!

- Speaking in simple but full sentences
- Explaining words I don't know
- Asking more kinds of questions
- Hesitating less when I speak



Novice High: The Fighter

I can...

- Provide info using words, phrases and short sentences
- Confidently speak on practiced subjects like giving basic info about myself
- Describe surroundings and people
- Give opinions on things I like/dislike
- Use words like "is," "like" and "have" and connect sentences with simple conjunctions such as "and" or "with"
- Ask simple questions, memorized questions
- Read/listen and understand main ideas

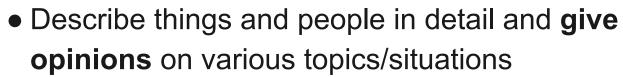
- Speaking in complete sentences
- Using correct verb forms
- Directing conversations into new directions
- Handling new questions or situations



Intermediate Low: The Creator

I can...

- Generally speak confidently in complete sentences.
- Create with language and answer open-ended questions
- Mostly use present tense verb forms correctly



- Clarify your opinions with "because" or "but"
- Correct myself when I misspeak
- Ask some appropriate/pointed questions

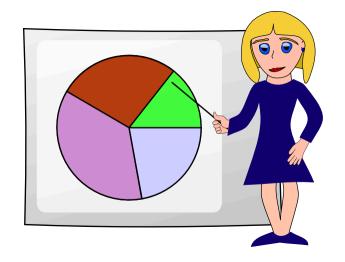
- Quantity and quality: using lots of different language and using it correctly
- Improving my use of present tense verb forms and adjectives
- Not hesitating too much when I speak



Intermediate-Mid: The Explainer

I can...

- Communicate with confidence
- Use extended, connected sentences
- Quickly access lots of vocabulary to describe many different subjects



- Mostly use correct present tense and begin to use future and past tenses
- Describe, explain and compare
- Ask pointed, relevant questions
- Use topic sentences and linking words like "even though" or "however" to bring structure to my language
- Talk around words I don't know and be understood
- Self-correct when I misspeak
- Recognize when a speaker uses different tenses

- Fewer pauses when speaking
- Using multiple time frames (past, present and future)
- Speaking in detail about specific interests or aspects of my life

Intermediate-High. The Storyteller

I can...

- Communicate with ease and confidence on any subject that relates to me
- Talk in depth about particular interests, aspects of life
- Narrate and describe in all major time frames (past, present, future) often, but not necessarily all the time
- Tell stories using words like "then" and "later on"
- Can handle everyday situations like getting/giving directions, making purchases, and even handle unexpected complications
- Can understand the main idea and some supporting details or follow the storyline of a fluent speaker

- Speaking correctly in various time frames
- Participating in conversations that go beyond my everyday life