

Descriptors For English Learners

	Emerging		Progressing	Proficient	
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Listening Descriptors	• Responding to short conversations • Recognizing and identifying the meanings of a few frequently occurring words in read-alouds and simple oral presentations • Following simple directions • Responding to simple yes/no questions	• Identifying and gathering information from an oral presentation • Determining the meaning of basic vocabulary and common content vocabulary • Participating in longer conversations and responding to basic questions • Identifying main topic and some key details • Following directions	• Determining the meaning of words, phrases, and some idiomatic expressions • Participating in short conversations and discussions, asking and answering questions • Identifying the main idea and key details about a familiar topic • Identifying how one or two reasons support the specific points a speaker makes	• Determining the main idea and supporting evidence • Paraphrasing and analyzing information to determine if the evidence supports • Posing and answering relevant questions • Adding additional relevant information and evidence to key ideas	• 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 • Constructing meaning from oral presentations on academic topics and literary texts • Inferring, analyzing, and critiquing the intent, reasoning, and use of rhetoric of a speaker
Reading Descriptors	• Determining the meaning of words and phrases in texts • Responding to simple yes/no and wh-questions • Recognizing frequently occurring words in read-alouds	• Making meaning of text by understanding common words, phrases, and expressions • Identifying the main idea • Responding to basic questions	• 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 two or more central ideas and how they are supported by specific details • Building on ideas of others, adding relevant and specific evidence • Summarizing text and gathering information from multiple sources to summative ideas, information, and observations • Analyzing arguments and claims made in text, determining the	• Determine the meaning of figurative language and idiomatic expressions • Identifying, summarizing, analyzing, and critiquing key points, main ideas, and arguments of others presented in writing • Gathering and synthesizing information from multiple written sources, evaluating the

				sufficiency of supporting evidence ● Determining the meaning of content-specific words and phrases and some idiomatic expressions	reliability of each source
Speaking Descriptors	● Responding to short conversations and questions ● Describing objects using frequently occurring nouns and verbs ● Communicating simple information about a topic	● Responding and understanding common words, phrases, and expressions to make meaning of text ● Identifying main idea ● Responding to basic questions	● Participating in short conversations and discussions, asking and answering questions, responding to the comments of others, and adding own comments ● Delivering short oral presentations including a few details and a conclusion ● Constructing a claim and providing a few supporting reasons or facts	● 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	● Participating in extended conversations and discussions and delivering oral presentations on a range of topics, texts, & issues ● Asking and answering questions to probe reasoning and claims ● Summarizing key ideas and evidence ● Fully developing a claim of topic with relevant details, concepts, examples, and information ● Analyzing and integrating information into a clearly organized oral text
Writing Descriptors	● Recognizing and using a small number of frequently occurring nouns and verbs in writing ● Creating words by filling in a missing letter ● Using a small number of frequently occurring nouns and verbs in written text ● Responding to simple questions about familiar topics	● 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	● 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 ● Asking and answering questions, responding to others comments, and adding own comments	● Participating in written exchanges on a variety of topics/texts ● Asking and answering relevant questions ● Paraphrasing to restate information ● Composing narrative and informational texts with specific details about a variety of topics ● Constructing a claim and providing sufficient reasons to support it ● Analyzing and argument or claim	● 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

				• Using simple, compound, and complex sentences with transitional words and phrases to connect events and ideas	clearly and persuasively • Introducing and distinguishing a claim from a counterclaim • Providing logically ordered, relevant reasons and supporting evidence to refute the counterclaim
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