

Talking

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PROFICIENCY



### Interpretive Performance Level Descriptors

**Novice**

understands words, phrases, and formulaic language that are practiced and memorized  
understands main idea from simple texts

**Intermediate**

understands main ideas and some supporting details on familiar topics from a variety of texts

**Advanced**

understands main ideas and details on familiar and some unfamiliar topics from more complex texts that are clear and organized

### Interpersonal Performance Level Descriptors

Novice

expresses self on very familiar topics using words, phrases, simple sentences and questions that have been highly practiced and memorized

**Intermediate**

expresses self on familiar topics using sentences and series of sentences  
communicates about self, others and everyday life  
asks and answers questions

**Advanced**

expresses self on familiar and new topics  
speaks in paragraph-length about events with detail and organization  
confidently handles situations with unexpected complications  
shares point of view in discussions

### Presentational Performance Level Descriptors

**Novice**

communicates information on very familiar topics using a variety of words, phrases, and sentences that have been practiced and memorized

**Intermediate**

communicates information and expresses own thoughts about familiar topics using sentences and series of sentences

**Advanced**

communicates information and expresses self with detail and organization on familiar and some new concrete topics using paragraphs