

Novice Low

I can understand a few familiar words. I can understand some words that are similar to those in my own language.

Interpretive Listening

I can understand some commonly used words and expressions, such as please and thank you.

I can understand basic information, such as days of the week, months of the year, numbers, times, and dates.

I can understand names of objects in my immediate environment, such as words for familiar objects found in classrooms, offices, or homes.

I can understand the difference between a question and a statement.

I can follow a one-step instruction, especially when people use gestures.

Novice Mid

I can understand some everyday words, phrases, and questions about me, my personal experiences, and my surroundings, when people speak slowly and clearly or there is repetition.

Interpretive Listening

I can understand simple words and phrases about daily activities.

- I can understand when someone describes his/her school schedule.
- I can understand when someone describes his/her daily routine.
- I can ...

I can understand some words and phrases in simple messages and announcements in a familiar setting.

- I can understand a short audio announcement relating the time and place of a movie or sporting event.
- I can understand a short announcement relating a change in my school or work schedule.
- I can ...

I can understand some simple questions on familiar topics.

- I can understand when asked how old I am, what my name is, and where I live.
- I can understand when someone asks me which sports I play, which hobbies I have, or what I like to do in my free time.
- I can ...

I can follow some multi-step directions or instructions, especially when people use gestures or there is repetition.

- I can understand classroom instructions when people use gestures or repetition.
- I can follow simple directions to a location, when people speak slowly and clearly.
- I can follow instructions, such as those for baking a cake, drawing a picture, or playing a game, when I am doing this step-by-step with opportunity to ask for repetition.

I can understand some of what people say in a conversation when they are talking about familiar things.

Novice High

I can understand ideas on familiar topics expressed in phrases, simple sentences, and frequently used expressions. I can understand the main point in short conversations, messages, and announcements.

Interpretive Listening

I can understand some short conversations or descriptions.

- I can understand short conversations about hobbies and sports.
- I can understand conversations related to daily life and routine.
- I can understand short descriptions of people I know.
- I can ...

I can understand some short, simple messages and announcements on familiar topics.

- I can understand an announcement on the school intercom related to school activities.
- I can understand a phone message, such as when and where to meet a friend.
- I can understand when and where an event will take place, such as a concert or sporting event.
- I can understand a radio advertisement for products I know.
- I can ...

I can understand most directions or instructions in a familiar setting when expressed in short conversations.

- I can follow directions when a map is provided.
- I can follow classroom instructions without repetition.
- I can ...

I can understand simple stories.

- I can understand familiar stories that follow a logical order.
- I can understand a simple story acted out with props and gestures.
- I can ...

Intermediate Low

I can understand the main idea and a few details on familiar topics expressed in sentences, short conversations, presentations, and messages.

Interpretive Listening

I can understand the main idea and a few details of what I hear in short conversations and oral presentations.

- I can understand conversations about my family, school, or community.
- I can identify the main idea and a few details when listening to an oral presentation about a topic I am learning.
- I can ...

I can understand the main idea and a few details in messages and announcements on familiar topics.

- I can understand the main idea and a few details announced during a sports event.
- I can understand announcements at the theatre.
- I can understand instructions supported with visuals and gestures, such as preparing for a flight before takeoff.
- I can ...

I can identify the main idea and a few details on familiar topics presented via media.

- I can understand announcements about upcoming events, such as a concert.
- I can understand specific information, such as sports scores, song titles, and recording artists from radio and TV programs.
- I can understand the basic information in a weather report, such as temperature and precipitation.
- I can identify the type of film and some details from a movie trailer.
- I can identify main ideas on familiar topics in a newscast.
- I can ...

I can understand more complicated directions and instructions in familiar settings.

- I can follow complicated directions to a location.
- I can follow multi-step instructions on how to complete a task, such as cooking, how to complete a homework assignment, or how to play a sport.
- I can ...

**Intermediate Low
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I can understand the main idea and a few details from oral stories on familiar topics.

- I can understand folk or fairytales.
- I can understand children's stories.
- I can ...

Intermediate Mid

I can understand the main idea and some details on familiar topics expressed in a series of connected sentences, conversations, presentations, and messages.

Interpretive Listening

I can understand the main idea and some details of presentations on familiar topics.

- I can understand an introduction, such as at a concert.
- I can understand the main idea and some details of a short lecture on a topic with which I am familiar.
- I can understand a short speech on a familiar topic.
- I can ...

I can understand the main idea and some details on familiar topics of personal interest presented through media.

- I can watch short cartoons and identify the main idea and some details.
- I can listen to a sports commentator and understand the highlights of a game.
- I can ...

I can understand the main idea and some details of a short discussion or interview on a familiar topic.

- I can understand a classroom or work discussion, such as discussions on dress codes or attendance policies.
- I can understand an interview with a famous person, such as a rock star, politician, or actor.
- I can understand a Web-based presentation, such as a virtual tour of a city or university.
- I can ...

I can follow the main idea and some details of a conversation on familiar topics, even when the topic changes.

- I can follow a conversation about plans for the evening when several speakers are talking.
- I can follow a conversation when individuals talk about past, present, and future events.
- I can ...

Intermediate High

I can understand the main points and most details in conversations, presentations, and messages on familiar topics. I can understand the main idea and some details in some unfamiliar topics.

Interpretive Listening

I can understand factual information about everyday life, study-, or work-related topics.

- I can understand factual information and details presented in a speech, a lecture, or presentation on familiar and some unfamiliar topics, such as the environment, the cost of gas, or current music artists.
- I can ...

I can identify the main idea and most details on familiar topics presented through media.

- I can follow the plot and most details in a feature-length film.
- I can follow the information presented on radio, TV, or Internet.
- I can follow a recorded story on a familiar topic.
- I can ...

I can identify the main idea and some details from discussions and interviews on unfamiliar topics.

- I can follow the main points and some details of a political debate.
- I can follow a theatrical performance.
- I can follow a discussion on a topic of general interest.
- I can ...

Advanced Low

I can understand some extended speech on unfamiliar topics delivered through a variety of media.

Interpretive Listening
