

Levels of Progress Toward English Language Acquisition

	1 - Beginning (extensive help)	2 - Developing (frequent help)	3 - Expanding (moderate help)	4 - Consolidating (occasional help)	5 - Bridging (minimal help)
Snapshot	Student is beginning to learn English but needs extensive help (most or all activities) to be successful. Seems shy or often is non-responsive.	Student can repeat or understand simple words, phrases, or sentences, and is able to communicate basic needs or ideas. Needs frequent help (many activities) to be successful.	Student is communicating orally and in writing using simple English. Student is able to read simple texts with basic comprehension. Needs moderate help (some activities) to be successful.	Student speaks and writes using more complex language with some support. Student is reading a variety of texts with some understanding. Needs on-going monitoring and occasional help (few activities) to be successful.	Student is able to speak and write complex ideas with greater control and proficiency in English with minimal support (rarely). The student reads fluently and understands a variety of texts with minimal help.
Listening Skills	<input type="checkbox"/> Understand short, simple sentences on familiar topics <input type="checkbox"/> Understand some common words related to school, self and home <input type="checkbox"/> Understand simple sentences in familiar contexts <input type="checkbox"/> Understand some speech spoken at a slower rate <input type="checkbox"/> Respond to simple yes/no questions <input type="checkbox"/> Respond to simple commands <input type="checkbox"/> Understand and use routine classroom phrases	<input type="checkbox"/> Express a variety of words and phrases about self, family and <input type="checkbox"/> Understand compound sentences <input type="checkbox"/> Understand speech spoken at a slower rate <input type="checkbox"/> Respond to simple choice questions <input type="checkbox"/> Respond to simple instructions and commands <input type="checkbox"/> Respond to some common expressions, cues and slang <input type="checkbox"/> Watch others and recognize key words to participate in activities and conversations	<input type="checkbox"/> Understand more vocabulary, including common, descriptive, subject-specific, & academic words, & multiple meanings of familiar words <input type="checkbox"/> Understand main ideas & examples linked by cohesive devices in straight- forward discourse on academic topics <input type="checkbox"/> Understand compound & complex sentences <input type="checkbox"/> Understand speech on familiar topics <input type="checkbox"/> Understand an expanding range of spoken text in terms of purpose, structure, & organization <input type="checkbox"/> Understand hypothetical questions <input type="checkbox"/> Understand some common social expressions, slang, humour, & common idioms, & recognize differences in register & intonation in various contexts <input type="checkbox"/> Express simple opinions and reasons to participate in classroom conversations	<input type="checkbox"/> Understand a range of academic & subject-specific vocabulary including synonyms, antonyms, adjectives, adverbs, & words with various meanings <input type="checkbox"/> Understand main ideas & supporting details linked by cohesive devices & transition words in longer discourse on academic topics <input type="checkbox"/> Understand a variety of complex sentence structures including compound-complex sentences, conditional sentences <input type="checkbox"/> Understand rapid speech on familiar & unfamiliar topics <input type="checkbox"/> Understand a wide range of spoken discourse in terms of purpose, structure, & organization <input type="checkbox"/> Understand inferential questions <input type="checkbox"/> Understand a range of idiomatic expressions, slang, & sarcasm indicated by subtle change in tone, volume, speed, & intonation	<input type="checkbox"/> Understand a wide range of vocabulary associated with academic topics & concepts <input type="checkbox"/> Understand main ideas & details linked by a variety of cohesive devices presented in more sophisticated academic discourse <input type="checkbox"/> Understand a broad range of sentence structures, including embedded clauses, ellipses, & how structural differences influence meaning <input type="checkbox"/> Understand a variety of types & styles of speech on familiar & unfamiliar topics <input type="checkbox"/> Understand a wider variety of spoken discourse in terms of purpose, structure, & organization <input type="checkbox"/> Understand evaluative & inferential questions <input type="checkbox"/> Understand subtle social or cultural references & identify biased language
Speaking Skills	<input type="checkbox"/> May be in a silent stage or use a limited vocabulary, including 'survival', common, descriptive & subject specific words, may use gestures or pointing <input type="checkbox"/> Express needs, feelings, & opinions using familiar phrases & simple sentences connected by "and" & "then" <input type="checkbox"/> Use common pronouns, adjectives, nouns, & simple present tense verbs, with errors & omissions <input type="checkbox"/> Begin to use key words, patterned sentences, formulaic phrases, & subject-verb-object sentences accompanied by gestures as necessary <input type="checkbox"/> Begin to approximate rhythm & intonation in familiar & rehearsed activities (pronunciation may interfere with meaning) <input type="checkbox"/> Use language to communicate basic needs, feelings, & preferences, & respond to simple questions <input type="checkbox"/> Use techniques such as visual cues, gestures, repetition, memorized phrases, simple questions, & first language translation to participate in routine exchanges	<input type="checkbox"/> Use some vocabulary, including common, descriptive, & subject specific words <input type="checkbox"/> Express, connect, & sequence ideas using common conjunctions, & time & sequence markers <input type="checkbox"/> Use regular plurals, possessives, prepositions, continuous, & simple past tense verbs, with errors <input type="checkbox"/> Use modelled, patterned, & predictable affirmative & negative statements, questions, & commands <input type="checkbox"/> Use stress, rhythm, & intonation patterns appropriately in familiar & rehearsed activities (pronunciation may still affect meaning) <input type="checkbox"/> Use language for a small range of purposes, including to communicate ideas, ask & answer questions, provide simple explanations & descriptions, give simple opinions with reasons, & make statements <input type="checkbox"/> Use substitution, everyday expressions, & questions to participate in short & predictable exchanges	<input type="checkbox"/> Use more vocabulary, including common, descriptive, subject specific, & academic words <input type="checkbox"/> Express & connect ideas & some supporting details using <input type="checkbox"/> Use negatives, noun phrases, adjective phrases, irregular plurals, possessives, prepositions, & future continuous & irregular past tense verbs, with some usage errors <input type="checkbox"/> Add detail to affirmative & negative statements, questions, offers, & commands <input type="checkbox"/> Attempt to use variation in intonation, tone, pacing, volume, & emphasis to affect meaning, with occasional errors <input type="checkbox"/> Use language for an expanding range of purposes, including to comment, give opinions, clarify, express agreement/ disagreement, describe, recount, sequence, & explain <input type="checkbox"/> Use some expressions, idioms, gestures, common social references, & appropriate register to suit the context	<input type="checkbox"/> Choose from a range of vocabulary, including common, descriptive, subject-specific, & academic words, & words with multiple meanings <input type="checkbox"/> Express & connect ideas & supporting details using a variety of cohesive devices <input type="checkbox"/> Use phrasal expressions, a range of past, present, future & perfect tenses in active & passive voice with occasional errors <input type="checkbox"/> Use compound, complex, & conditional sentence structures <input type="checkbox"/> Use variation in intonation, tone, volume, pacing, & emphasis for effect with <input type="checkbox"/> Use language for a wide range of purposes, including to discuss topics, give opinions, inquire, persuade, compare & contrast, speculate, negotiate, conclude, & show cause & effect <input type="checkbox"/> Use & experiment with various expressions, idioms, gestures, humour, sarcasm, & register most appropriate to the context	<input type="checkbox"/> Select more precisely & confidently from a wide range of vocabulary to engage in discussions about practical, social, & academic topics <input type="checkbox"/> Express, organize, & connect ideas using logical & coherent patterns <input type="checkbox"/> Use many patterns of complex structures such as conditionals, passive voice, & relative clauses, with increasing accuracy <input type="checkbox"/> Manipulate word order to influence & convey precise meaning in complex sentence structures <input type="checkbox"/> Use variation in intonation, tone, pacing, volume, & emphasis to influence meaning accurately & appropriately (accented speech is accepted & valued). <input type="checkbox"/> Use language for a wider range of purposes, including to explain, report, justify, elaborate on, negotiate, & debate <input type="checkbox"/> Adapt & experiment with speech, vocabulary, & gestures according to the formality of the context,

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Reading Skills	<input type="checkbox"/> Connect letters and words to print <input type="checkbox"/> Recognize and identify some common words and sight words <input type="checkbox"/> Use pictures to help make meaning <input type="checkbox"/> Read word-by-word <input type="checkbox"/> Recognize words in everyday life <input type="checkbox"/> Understand main idea of text with the support of visuals and background knowledge <input type="checkbox"/> Understand literal meaning of short, simple text <input type="checkbox"/> Offer simple opinions & reactions <input type="checkbox"/> Make simple & obvious connections to self <input type="checkbox"/> Make simple connections to background knowledge with support	<input type="checkbox"/> Use strategies such as re-reading, predicting, & word recognition to read text on familiar topics <input type="checkbox"/> Recognize some word families and word roots <input type="checkbox"/> Read with some phrasing, rereading, sounding out words, pausing to refer to visuals, & substitution of unknown words with familiar words <input type="checkbox"/> Begin to understand a variety of common words and 'content' words <input type="checkbox"/> Understand literal meaning of simple text <input type="checkbox"/> Retell simple text to show understanding of main idea <input type="checkbox"/> Begin to make inferences <input type="checkbox"/> Offer simple opinions or responses with some reasons <input type="checkbox"/> Make obvious connections to self or other texts <input type="checkbox"/> Make simple comparisons to background knowledge	<input type="checkbox"/> Use predicting, inferencing, contextual clues, & word analysis to read unfamiliar text <input type="checkbox"/> Decode root words, prefixes, suffixes, & vowel digraphs <input type="checkbox"/> Read with more expression, attend to common punctuation, & make meaningful substitutions <input type="checkbox"/> Understand more vocabulary including familiar words with multiple meanings, & academic & subject-specific words <input type="checkbox"/> Understand ideas in related paragraphs connected by cohesive devices & transition words <input type="checkbox"/> Understand text with some complex sentences featuring a variety of different types of clauses <input type="checkbox"/> Describe main events or ideas & explain the relationship between them <input type="checkbox"/> Make simple, organized notes on a new topic using a familiar format <input type="checkbox"/> Make simple inferences based on explicit information <input type="checkbox"/> Understand the difference between fact & opinion, cause & effect, & comparison & contrast with support <input type="checkbox"/> Understand explicit social & cultural references, & some simple literary techniques such as figurative language in a variety of text <input type="checkbox"/> Understand & identify the purpose & discriminating features associated with an increasing range of basic genres such as recounts, narratives, procedures, descriptions, sequential <input type="checkbox"/> Express opinions with some rationale <input type="checkbox"/> Make logical connections to self or other texts supported by reasons <input type="checkbox"/> Support key	<input type="checkbox"/> Use predicting, synthesizing, summarizing, drawing conclusions, contextual clues, & word analysis to read a variety of unfamiliar text <input type="checkbox"/> Decode multi-syllable words & complex letter combinations <input type="checkbox"/> Read more consistently with expression, attend to most punctuation, & self-correct as needed <input type="checkbox"/> Understand a range of vocabulary including academic & subject-specific words, & words with multiple meanings <input type="checkbox"/> Understand ideas in extended text connected by a range of cohesive devices & transition words <input type="checkbox"/> Understand text with a range of sentence structures that feature various types of phrases & clauses <input type="checkbox"/> Describe & analyze main events or ideas with some insight <input type="checkbox"/> Make accurate, organized notes using a logical format & an appropriate level of detail <input type="checkbox"/> Make & substantiate basic inferences from explicit & some implicit information <input type="checkbox"/> Understand supported opinions, & understand hypothetical & inferential passages <input type="checkbox"/> Understand implied meaning of some social references, cultural references <input type="checkbox"/> Understand & identify the purpose & associated linguistic & structural features of an expanding range of factual & literary genres <input type="checkbox"/> Provide reactions or judgments supported by reasons & examples <input type="checkbox"/> Make logical connections to own ideas, other texts, & themes <input type="checkbox"/> Make logical connections between new information & background knowledge	<input type="checkbox"/> Select from a variety of effective strategies to predict, interpret, & evaluate unfamiliar & complex text <input type="checkbox"/> Decode words with unique spelling patterns <input type="checkbox"/> Read fluidly with intonation & expression, attend to all punctuation, & self-correct as needed <input type="checkbox"/> Understand a wide range of vocabulary including words with multiple meanings, connotations, idioms, & metaphors <input type="checkbox"/> Understand a variety of genres of text containing a wide range of cohesive devices <input type="checkbox"/> Understand text with sophisticated sentence structures & grammatical forms such as embedded clauses, ellipses, & passive constructions <input type="checkbox"/> Describe & analyze the relationships between main events or ideas with more depth & insight <input type="checkbox"/> Make accurate, organized notes in own words using information from multiple sources <input type="checkbox"/> Make & substantiate basic inferences & conclusions from explicit & implicit information <input type="checkbox"/> Understand both explicit & implicit information <input type="checkbox"/> Comprehend most cultural references & a wide variety of literary techniques with or without context <input type="checkbox"/> Understand & identify the link between the purpose, structure, & major language features of a wide range of genres in content areas such as biographical & historical recounts, arguments & debates, causal explanations, & some satire <input type="checkbox"/> Offer thoughtful reactions & judgments supported by reasoned arguments & well-chosen examples <input type="checkbox"/> Make insightful connections to own ideas, other texts, & themes <input type="checkbox"/> Consider new information in terms of background knowledge & articulate connections
Writing Skills	<input type="checkbox"/> Convey meaning by writing some familiar words, memorized phrases, patterned phrases, & drawings; meaning may be difficult to comprehend <input type="checkbox"/> Provide minimal elaboration or detail to support meaning	<input type="checkbox"/> Express a main idea in simple text that is partially developed; meaning is somewhat comprehensible <input type="checkbox"/> Provide some general details to support meaning	<input type="checkbox"/> Express a focused idea with some elaboration; meaning is generally comprehensible <input type="checkbox"/> Provide some general & relevant details to support meaning	<input type="checkbox"/> Express focused & developed ideas relevant to the purpose; meaning is usually comprehensible <input type="checkbox"/> Provide some specific & appropriate details to enhance meaning	<input type="checkbox"/> Develop & emphasize focused ideas with some depth & complexity; meaning is consistently comprehensible <input type="checkbox"/> Provide relevant & specific details & examples to support, clarify, & enhance meaning

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some evidence of <input type="checkbox"/> Provide an effective introduction & predictable conclusion in a basic multi-paragraph composition <input type="checkbox"/> Connect ideas using transition words & subordinate conjunctions supported by graphic organizers & models as necessary <input type="checkbox"/> Produce brief examples of personal, informational & imaginative genres (recounts, narratives, descriptions, procedures, simple explanations, arguments, opinions) to suit purpose <input type="checkbox"/> Use capitalization & commas, & some apostrophes, quotation marks, & hyphens <input type="checkbox"/> Spell a range of words using word lists, personal dictionaries, & knowledge of common patterns <input type="checkbox"/> Use some negatives, irregular plurals, object pronouns, prepositions, regular verbs in past & future continuous tenses, & irregular verbs in past & future continuous tenses, with occasional errors <input type="checkbox"/> Edit & revise expository & narrative text for word choice, punctuation, spelling, basic grammatical structures, & some fragments & run on sentences	<input type="checkbox"/> Use strategies such as pre-writing plans, multiple sources, writing conferences, frameworks & models, checklists, & rubrics to produce & revise text <input type="checkbox"/> Choose from a range of vocabulary including high-frequency, descriptive, subject-specific, & academic words, & words with <input type="checkbox"/> Use a variety of sentence structures that include embedded clauses & phrases <input type="checkbox"/> Use some clear & varied descriptive, expressive, technical, & figurative language <input type="checkbox"/> Use a growing sense of voice, tone, & register to develop text appropriate to purpose & audience <input type="checkbox"/> Provide an effective introduction, clear middle, & conclusion in a multi-paragraph composition <input type="checkbox"/> Connect ideas using a variety of cohesive devices supported by graphic organizers & models as necessary <input type="checkbox"/> Produce examples of a wider range of personal, informational, & imaginative genres (sequential explanations, factual texts, simple arguments, narratives) to suit purpose <input type="checkbox"/> Use most punctuation with increasing accuracy <input type="checkbox"/> Use common & irregular spellings with increasing accuracy <input type="checkbox"/> Use phrasal expressions, conditional structures, & a range of past, present, future & perfect tenses in active & passive voice with increasing accuracy <input type="checkbox"/> Edit & revise essays for word choice, fragments, run-ons, & most punctuation conventions & grammatical structures	<input type="checkbox"/> Use strategies such as pre-writing plans, multiple sources, analyzing models, teacher & peer conferences, & referring to guidelines & rubrics to produce & revise text <input type="checkbox"/> Choose deliberately from a broad range of vocabulary to convey precise meaning in complex & abstract texts <input type="checkbox"/> Choose appropriate sentence structures to suit the purpose, audience, & style of writing <input type="checkbox"/> Use a wide range of clear & varied language appropriate to purpose, & to create effect <input type="checkbox"/> Use knowledge of voice, tone, & register to develop a variety of texts appropriate to the purpose & audience more effectively <input type="checkbox"/> Provide a purposeful introduction, cohesive middle, & effective conclusion in a well-developed composition <input type="checkbox"/> Organize ideas in a variety of extended texts suitable to purpose & audience using a wide range of cohesive devices <input type="checkbox"/> Produce increasingly long & complex examples of a variety of personal, informational, & imaginative genres (arguments, causal explanations, reports, narratives, poetry), combining information from multiple sources when necessary <input type="checkbox"/> Use sophisticated punctuation with accuracy <input type="checkbox"/> Spell many challenging words with accuracy <input type="checkbox"/> Use many grammatical structure with accuracy, such as conditionals, passive voice, & relative clauses <input type="checkbox"/> Edit & revise extended text for word choice, coherence, punctuation, grammatical structures, voice, tone, audience, & purpose

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