

English Language Acquisition Assessment Framework

Name



Speaking

Beginning	Developing	Gaining Confidence	Extending	Consolidating	Approaching Proficiency	Proficient
 Can use single words to indicate instructions, greetings, requests. Can name familiar classroom or home objects. Uses single words with non-verbal gestures to communicate meaning. Can answer simple direct questions Can ask for clarification or translation from other L1 speakers. Can echo heard words and phrases. 	7. Can join in with routine social language supported by non-verbal cues. 8. Can participate in short familiar songs, rhymes and stories. 9. Can name some familiar objects. 10. Can repeat modelled words and phrases during learning or social activities. 11. On concrete matters, can put known words together to form short, incomplete sentences. 12. Can use reference items – I, me, you. 13. Can use some common adjectives – happy/sad, big/little	 14. Has a repertoire of common words and phrases appropriate to social language of peers & everyday matters 15. Can use new, taught items of vocabulary associated with current topics 16. Uses words and simple phrases confidently. 17. Takes risks to produce extended but fragmented stretches of language. 18. Shows some control over word order e.g. I go toilet. 19. Shows some use of basic grammar – articles, prepositions and tenses. 20. Intonation and pronunciation of English evident. 	21. Can sustain a conversation about familiar topics or interests with adults or peers 22. Joins in spontaneously with dialogue about known content and matters of immediate interest 23. Talks about events or ideas in poems, stories and information texts. 24. Will extend what they say with prompting/support. 25. Can use basic present, past and future tenses 26. Speech is easy to understand, although still shows patterns of restricted grammar, intonation & pronunciation	 27. Can use more sustained stretches of language to convey ideas and opinions. 28. Can use a range of conjunctions and connecting adverbs to structure stretches language and show how ideas are linked. 29. Keeps the interest of listeners in different contexts – pairs/groups – conveying a message which can be understood. 30. Can talk about tasks using vocabulary appropriate to the context 31. Intonation and pronunciation follow regular patterns of English consistently. 	32. Uses English confidently and competently in a range of social situations and some more formal contexts. 33. Participates in all classroom talk – whole class, group and paired talk, clearly communicating own ideas, feelings and attitudes. 34. Uses a range of and newly introduced vocabulary and subject-specific vocabulary appropriately. 35. Uses more complex structures to express possibility, obligation, comparison. 36. Uses adverbial phrases, modal and auxiliary verbs	37. Uses English confidently and competently in a range of social situations and more formal contexts appropriate to age. 38. Uses colloquial / figurative language in appropriate situations 39. Uses vocabulary and structures to create an impact or a particular effect. 40. Uses registers of language as appropriate to context. 41. Can prepare and deliver oral presentations on a variety of topics at age-related expectations.
					confidently in speech.	

Listening

choices in practical tasks and routines. 2. Can respond to words spoken to them with nonverbal gestures. 8. Can respond with known single words. 9. Can understand and catch the main points of simple the topic is scaffolding is provided. 13. Can understand key words and phrases where the topic is familiar contexts. 14. Can understand key words and phrases where the topic is familiar contexts. 15. Can listen attentively and respond in a range of contexts where there is with contextual 16. Can respond with known single words. 17. Can understand key words and phrases words and phrases where the topic is familiar contexts. 18. Can respond with known single words. 19. Can listen attentively and respond in a range of contexts gist of new content with contextual 18. Can respond with known single words. 19. Can listen attentively and respond in a range of contexts gist of new content with contextual 18. Can respond with known single words. 19. Can listen attentively and respond in a range of contexts gist of new content with contextual 18. Can understand key words and phrases and familiar learning activities but may sometimes and familiar learning activities. 29. Can understand the gist of new content with contextual 20. Can understand the gist of new content with contextual 20. Can listen to a range of Can understand		Beginning		Developing	Ga	aining Confidence		Extending		Consolidating		Approaching Proficiency		Proficient
scaffolding and sufficient time sufficient time allowed to process language and formulate responses. scaffolding and 'How?' and 'Why?' questions 28. Listening stamina is at a level approaching that of most peers.	3.4.5.	others to make choices in practical tasks and routines. Can respond to words spoken to them with nonverbal gestures. Can distinguish between English and other languages. Can watch and listen to some speakers in a supportive situation for short periods of time. Can follow simple routines and familiar instructions. Can recognise names of familiar classroom	8. 9.	extended periods. Can respond with known single words. Can understand and catch the main points of simple questions and instructions if given time to process language. Can follow simple, routine two-step instructions with non-verbal support Is willing to initiate communication with	13. 14. 15.	for extended periods. Can understand key words and phrases where the topic is familiar or scaffolding is provided. Can follow a set of routine instructions without scaffolding. Can take part in a dialogue of several exchanges. Can ask the speaker to repeat or add detail in order to understand more of the message. Can participate in paired, group and class activities with scaffolding and sufficient time allowed to process language and	19.	react to everyday social English in familiar contexts. Can listen attentively and respond in a range of contexts where there is contextual support and modelling. Can follow what different speakers are saying in small group contexts Can follow nonroutine instructions where there is contextual	23.24.25.26.27.	purpose and main points of classroom and familiar learning activities. Can understand the gist of new content with contextual support. Understands and responds to explanations and sequences of instructions. Can take turns in a conversation and respond appropriately. Can respond appropriately to a range of vocabulary. Can engage with 'How?' and 'Why?' questions Listening stamina is at a level approaching that of	30. 31.	Can participate as a listener in classroom activities but may sometimes misunderstand complex language and questions. Can listen to a range of audiences in different contexts. Understands commonly used colloquial and idiomatic language. Understands extended stretches of talk at native speaker speed. Can follow changes	35. 36.	spoken interactions as appropriate to age. Can respond to different registers appropriately. Can understand humorous references when not culturally bound. Understands local colloquial and idiomatic language as well as most

Reading

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1. 2. 3. 4. 5.	Can read own name. Can recognise and name letters in their own name and words which they see and hear frequently. Shows interest in books and can make choices of reading materials. Understands how to handle books and their directionality. Can recognise some individual phoneme/grapheme relationships in English. Can sequence a known text or activity using pictures or visual aids.	7. Can identify initial and final sounds in familiar words. 8. Can use visual and contextual clues to make text meaningful. 9. Can read and understands words displayed in the classroom and school environment. 10. Can follow a simple text read aloud with visual support or prior discussion. 11. Knows the sounds and names of most letters of the alphabet. 12. Responds to simple questions related to pictures and text: what, where, who?	13. Can follow and understand simple texts which are read aloud and have visual/contextual support - narrative, recount, instructions. 14. Can use phoneme/grapheme correspondence to decode new words 15. Can read some whole words and phrases that have been used within curriculum and topic learning. 16. Understands the functions of nouns and verbs in texts where there is visual or contextual support.	18. Reads actively for enjoyment, choosing books to reflect interests and topical class content 19. Can independently understand a range of texts where context is familiar. 20. With support, can understand texts where the context is unfamiliar. 21. Can retell a story beyond basic details with some prompts. 22. Can read most whole words and phrases that have been used within curriculum and topic learning. 23. Attends to inflections in texts, e.g. plural endings & regular	25. Can read and understand the literal meaning of age-appropriate texts, but has difficulty making inferences. 26. With scaffolding, can understand more complex texts and the cohesive links within them especially referencing of pronouns and connecting adverbs. 27. With scaffolding, can read texts on unfamiliar topics or those with new types of language. 28. Can seek the meaning of unfamiliar words or		34. Understands most texts with no additional time needed. 35. Reads independently and competently as appropriate to age. 36. Can evaluate a text in terms of its interest, usefulness and relevance. 37. May continue to need support with very culturally bound language in texts.
			17. Can express some ideas emerging from the text, e.g. Goldilocks is naughty	verb forms 24. Can find a part of a familiar text that they like and give a simple reason why.	familiar words used in new contexts. 29. Can make simple inferences about characters and events in texts and drama.		

Writing

	Beginning		Developing	Ga	ining Confidence		Extending		Consolidating		Approaching Proficiency		Proficient
1.	Can produce emergent writing in	7. 8.	Can label pictures. Attempts to write	15.	Handwriting is legible and correctly	22.	Can write short simple texts in a	28.	Demonstrates control over writing	35.	Can write for different purposes at	41.	Can write competently in
	L1.		meaningfully		oriented.		range of genres,		familiar text types.		the level expected		English at age-
2.	Can use knowledge		following focused	16.	Can write labels and		showing	29.	Can convey ideas in		for their age.		related expectations.
	from L1 to produce		talk and modelling.		captions for pictures		understanding of the		writing	36.	Can write longer	42.	Can write across the
	writing.	9.	Can use pictures to		related to classroom		conventions of the	30.	Can spell familiar		texts with sufficient		curriculum for
3.	Can use		express meaning or		topics.		identified genre.		words accurately,		time to develop		different purposes
	directionality of		to provide a context	17.	Understands the	23.	Can organise texts in		although still applies		ideas and language		and audience but
	English		for their own writing.		concept of a		a logical order		phonological		and explicit oral		may need support
	appropriately.	10.	Can copy some		sentence, using		according to the text		knowledge to		rehearsal.		with the production
4.	Can reproduce some		familiar words.		capital letters and		type.		unfamiliar words.	37.	Can use a range of		of culturally bound
	English letter forms	11.	Can write name		full stops.	24.	Understands how	31.	Demonstrates		English tenses		texts.
5.	Can copy name.		independently.	18.	Understands and		words are ordered in		awareness of broad		(present, past, future	43.	Can connect and
6.	Cam produce simple	12.	Marks spaces		uses the conventions		sentences with		difference between		& continuous) mostly		integrate personal
	diagrams or images		between words		of English;		increasing accuracy.		writing fiction and		accurately		experiences within
	to convey messages	13.	Uses pronoun 'I' in		knowledge of letter	25.	Can make		non-fiction.	38.	Can use a range of		writing
			own writing		strings and common		vocabulary choices	32.	Can use some		conjunctions and	44.	Can use subject-
		14.	Can use illustrated		words.		for writing using		conjunctions and		connecting adverbs.		specific, technical
			word banks to	19.	Uses phonic and		word banks, word		referencing	39.	Can spell common		language
			support writing		visual patterns to		books or displays		pronouns.		words correctly and		independently within
					spell words	26.	Can use	33.	Writing displays		use visual patterns		writing.
				20.	Makes good use of		phonological		increasing		rather than phonics		
					models and scaffolds		knowledge and		grammatical		to spell unfamiliar		
					to produce a range of		knowledge of		awareness and any		words.		
				0.4	writing outcomes.		common words to		errors in tenses,	40.	Can use more		
				21.	Attempts to		spell unfamiliar		subject -verb		complex or lengthy		
					independently write	27	words.		agreement or word		sentences although		
					but may omit verbs,	21.	Can read own writing to check that it		order does not		grammatical		
					use tenses		makes sense.	24	impact on meaning. Can use a wide range		structures may show some errors typical		
					inappropriately or use wrong word		iliakes selise.	54.	of vocabulary		of EAL learners.		
					order.				especially newly		OI EAL (Editiets.		
					order.				introduced words				
									and phrases.				

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