

NOVICE LOW

I can recognize a few memorized words and phrases when I hear them spoken.

I can occasionally identify the sound of a character or a word.

- I can recognize the sound of a few letters when they are spoken or spelled out.
- I can _____

I can occasionally understand isolated words that I have memorized, particularly when accompanied by gestures or pictures.

- I can understand greetings.
- I can recognize some color words.
- I can understand some numbers.
- I can understand some food items.
- I can _____

NOVICE MID

I can recognize some familiar words and phrases when I hear them spoken.

I can understand a few courtesy phrases.

- I can understand greetings.
- I can understand when people express thanks.
- I can understand when people introduce themselves.
- I can understand when someone asks for a name.
- I can _____

I can recognize and sometimes understand basic information in words and phrases that I have memorized.

- I can understand days of the week and the hour.
- I can recognize when I hear a date.
- I can recognize some common weather expressions.
- I can _____

I can recognize and sometimes understand words and phrases that I have learned for specific purposes.

- I can recognize the names of the planets in a science class.
- I can recognize the names of some parts of the body in a health or fitness class.
- I can _____

NOVICE HIGH

I can often understand words, phrases, and simple sentences related to everyday life.
I can recognize pieces of information and sometimes understand the main topic of what is being said.

I can sometimes understand simple questions or statements on familiar topics.

- I can recognize the difference between a question and a statement.
- I can sometimes understand questions about how old I am, where I live, what I do in my free time, etc.
- I can sometimes understand questions or statements about family.
- I can sometimes understand questions or statements about my friends and classmates or workmates.
- I can _____

I can understand simple information when presented with pictures and graphs.

- I can understand some facts about the weather when weather symbols are used.
- I can understand when someone describes physical descriptions from a photo or an art work.
- I can follow along with simple arithmetic problems when I can see the figures.
- I can _____

I can sometimes understand the main topic of conversations that I overhear.

- I can sometimes understand if people are referring to me.
- I can sometimes understand if people are talking about their homes or asking for directions.
- I can sometimes understand a simple transaction between a customer and a sales clerk.
- I can _____

INTERMEDIATE LOW

I can understand the main idea in short, simple messages and presentations on familiar topics.
I can understand the main idea of simple conversations that I overhear.

I can understand the basic purpose of a message.

- I can determine if I am hearing an announcement or an advertisement.
- I can understand what a radio advertisement is selling.
- I can understand when and where an event will take place.
- I can understand a voice message accepting or rejecting an invitation.
- I can _____

I can understand messages related to my basic needs.

- I can understand a clear and repeated announcement about a flight's departure time and/or gate.
- I can understand teacher announcements about when an assignment is due.
- I can understand the date and time of when a voice message was recorded.
- I can _____

I can understand questions and simple statements on everyday topics when I am part of the conversation.

- I can understand questions about my work or class schedule.
- I can understand questions about my likes and dislikes.
- I can understand simple compliments about what I am wearing or what I am doing.
- I can _____

INTERMEDIATE MID

I can understand the main idea in messages and presentations on a variety of topics related to everyday life and personal interests and studies. I can understand the main idea in conversations that I overhear.

I can understand basic information in ads, announcements, and other simple recordings.

- I can understand when, where, and who is playing in a concert from a radio advertisement.
- I can understand the main message of an e-card greeting.
- I can understand what service is being offered in a TV ad.
- I can identify the type of film from a movie preview.
- I can _____

I can understand the main idea of what I listen to for personal enjoyment.

- I can understand basic questions or statements during a video conference.
- I can understand a short YouTube clip.
- I can understand peers' recorded descriptions about themselves or their avatars.
- I can _____

I can understand messages related to my everyday life.

- I can understand a voice message about the time and place of meeting.
- I can understand a box-office recording about the times of the performances or events.
- I can understand that an event is being postponed or cancelled.
- I can _____

INTERMEDIATE HIGH

I can easily understand the main idea in messages and presentations on a variety of topics related to everyday life and personal interests and studies. I can usually understand a few details of what I overhear in conversations, even when something unexpected is expressed. I can sometimes follow what I hear about events and experiences in various time frames.

I can easily understand straightforward information or interactions.

- I can understand the descriptions of avatars in a new video game.
- I can understand an interview between a student reporter and foreign visitors about activities they have done and are planning to do while in town.
- I can understand a tour guide's description of a city's history and attractions.
- I can _____

I can understand a few details in ads, announcements, and other simple recordings.

- I can understand a few details about a nutritional recommendation in a public service health announcement.
- I can understand the services offered in an ad about a car repair service.
- I can understand a few details from public service announcements such as severe weather warnings or safety alerts.
- I can _____

I can sometimes understand situations with complicating factors.

- I can understand a voice message from an exchange student telling why she will be late.
- I can understand a phone message about a change in meeting times and place.
- I can understand a voice message from the airlines about changes to a flight schedule.
- I can _____