

Basic User

Independent User

Proficient User

What's my proficiency level?

NOVICE LOW

- Can give lists
- Uses only memorized phrases
- Occasional short sentences

NOVICE MID

- Speaks in lists
- 25-50 words
- No creation
- Can introduce self and others

NOVICE HIGH

- Speaks in phrases
- Speech is still limited to memorized material
- Can ask for and give simple directions

INTERMEDIATE LOW

- Speaks in complete sentences
- Can hold simple conversations about everyday topics
- Can ask and answer questions on familiar topics

INTERMEDIATE MID

- Can create with language using some memorized phrases
- Created language is mostly related to self
- Can handle a simple situation or transaction
- Can create my own questions and answer someone else's

INTERMEDIATE HIGH

- Can use language to do a task that requires multiple steps
- Can handle a situation that may have a complication
- Can present a point of view with reasons to support
- Ask and answer a variety of questions
- Can tell a story in the past, present and future with errors

ADVANCED LOW

- Can participate in most informal and some formal conversations
- Narrates and describes in paragraphs
- Can rephrase and describe unfamiliar words
- Speech may be somewhat irregular, strained, and tentative
- Can convey intended message without confusion
- Can narrate a story in the past, present, and future

ADVANCED MID

- Narrates and describes in the past, present, and future with few errors
- Communicates well about concrete topics, especially familiar topics
- Can handle an unexpected turn of events

ADVANCED HIGH

- Can communicate with ease about a variety of topics
- Does better discussing concrete rather than abstract topics
- Can paraphrase and describe words to compensate for unknown vocabulary

How can I jump a level?

- Combine your words and phrases into full sentences.
- Practice asking questions.
- Keep learning new words.

How can I jump a level?

- Speak in more full sentences.
- Keep the conversation going by asking follow up questions.
- Continue learning new words.
- Talk around words that you don't know.
- Practice talking about past events.

How can I jump a level?

- Work on supporting your opinion.
- Try to speak with fewer hesitations.
- Add more details to explain complex matters.
- Practice discussing more advanced topics, like politics and abstract topics.

Parrot

Survivor

Reporter

- Based on 2012 ACTFL Proficiency Guidelines

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