

# Language acquisition assessment criteria

## Emergent level year 1

### Criterion A: Listening

Maximum: 8

Texts used for the listening task should be spoken multimodal texts. This means that the texts should have the spoken mode and other modes such as visual still images or visual moving images.

At the end of the emergent level, students should have been exposed to a wide variety of simple authentic spoken multimodal texts and be able to:

- i. identify explicit and implicit information (facts and/or opinions, and supporting details)
- ii. analyse conventions
- iii. analyse connections.

Achievement level	Level descriptor
0	The student <b>does not</b> reach a standard described by any of the descriptors below.
1–2	The student: i. identifies <b>minimal</b> stated information (facts and/or opinions) in simple authentic texts ii. identifies <b>basic</b> conventions in simple authentic texts iii. identifies <b>basic</b> connections in simple authentic texts.
3–4	The student: i. identifies <b>some</b> stated information (facts and/or opinions) in simple authentic texts ii. identifies <b>basic</b> conventions in simple authentic texts iii. identifies <b>basic</b> connections in simple authentic texts.
5–6	The student: i. identifies <b>most</b> stated information (facts and/or opinions, and <b>supporting details</b> ) in a variety of simple authentic texts ii. <b>interprets</b> conventions in simple authentic texts iii. <b>interprets</b> connections in simple authentic texts.
7–8	The student: i. identifies <b>explicit and implicit</b> information (facts and/or opinions, and <b>supporting details</b> ) in a <b>wide</b> variety of simple authentic texts ii. <b>analyses</b> conventions in simple authentic texts iii. <b>analyses</b> connections in simple authentic texts.

# Criterion B: Reading

Maximum: 8

At the end of the emergent level, students should be exposed to a wide variety of simple authentic written multimodal texts and be able to:

i. identify explicit and implicit information (facts and/or opinions, and supporting details)

ii. analyse conventions

iii. analyse connections.

Achievement level	Level descriptor
0	The student <b>does not</b> reach a standard described by any of the descriptors below.
1–2	The student: i. identifies <b>minimal</b> stated information (facts and/or opinions) in a variety of simple authentic texts ii. identifies <b>basic</b> conventions in simple authentic texts iii. identifies <b>basic</b> connections in simple authentic texts.
3–4	The student: i. identifies <b>some</b> stated information (facts and/or opinions) in a variety of simple authentic texts ii. identifies <b>basic</b> conventions in simple authentic texts iii. identifies <b>basic</b> connections in simple authentic texts.
5–6	The student: i. identifies <b>most</b> stated information (facts and/or opinions, and <b>supporting details</b> ) in a variety of simple authentic texts ii. <b>interprets</b> conventions in simple authentic texts. iii. <b>interprets</b> connections in simple authentic texts.
7–8	The student: i. identifies <b>explicit and implicit</b> information (facts and/or opinions, and <b>supporting details</b> ) in a <b>wide</b> variety of simple authentic texts ii. <b>analyses</b> conventions in simple authentic texts iii. <b>analyses</b> connections in simple authentic texts.

# Criterion C: Speaking

Maximum: 8

At the end of the emergent level, students should be able to:	
<p>i. use a wide range of vocabulary</p> <p>ii. use a wide range of grammatical structures generally accurately</p> <p>iii. use clear pronunciation and intonation in comprehensible manner</p> <p>iv. communicate all or almost all the required information clearly and effectively.</p>	
Achievement level	Level descriptor
0	The student <b>does not</b> reach a standard described by any of the descriptors below.
1–2	The student: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>i. uses a <b>limited range</b> of vocabulary</li> <li>ii. uses a <b>limited range</b> of grammatical structures with <b>many errors</b> which <b>often</b> hinder communication</li> <li>iii. uses pronunciation and intonation with <b>many</b> errors which <b>often</b> hinder comprehension</li> <li>iv. during interaction, communicates <b>limited</b> relevant information.</li> </ul>
3–4	The student: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>i. uses a <b>basic range</b> of vocabulary</li> <li>ii. uses a <b>basic range</b> of grammatical structures with <b>some errors</b> which <b>sometimes</b> hinder communication</li> <li>iii. uses pronunciation and intonation with <b>some</b> errors which <b>sometimes</b> hinder comprehension</li> <li>iv. during interaction, communicates <b>some</b> relevant information.</li> </ul>
5–6	The student: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>i. uses a <b>range</b> of vocabulary</li> <li>ii. uses a <b>range</b> of grammatical structures with <b>a few errors</b> which <b>do not</b> hinder communication</li> <li>iii. uses pronunciation and intonation with <b>a few</b> errors. However, these <b>do not</b> hinder comprehension</li> <li>iv. during interaction, communicates <b>most</b> of the relevant information.</li> </ul>
7–8	The student: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>i. uses a <b>wide range</b> of vocabulary</li> <li>ii. uses a <b>wide range</b> of grammatical structures <b>generally accurately</b></li> <li>iii. uses <b>clear</b> pronunciation and intonation which makes the communication <b>easy to comprehend</b></li> <li>iv. during interaction, communicates <b>all or almost all</b> the required information <b>clearly and effectively</b>.</li> </ul>

# Criterion D: Writing

Maximum: 8

<p>At the end of the emergent level, students should be able to:</p> <p>i. use a <b>wide range of vocabulary</b></p> <p>ii. use a <b>wide range of grammatical structures generally accurately</b></p> <p>iii. <b>organize information effectively and coherently in an appropriate format using a wide range of simple and some complex cohesive devices</b></p> <p>iv. <b>communicate all or almost all the required information with a clear sense of audience and purpose to suit the context.</b></p>	
Achievement level	Level descriptor
0	The student <b>does not</b> reach a standard described by any of the descriptors below.
1–2	The student: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>i. uses a <b>limited range</b> of vocabulary</li> <li>ii. uses a <b>limited range</b> of grammatical structures with <b>many errors</b> which <b>often</b> hinder communication</li> <li>iii. presents <b>some information</b> in a <b>partially-recognizable</b> format using <b>some basic</b> cohesive devices</li> <li>iv. communicates <b>limited</b> relevant information with <b>some sense</b> of audience and purpose to suit the context.</li> </ul>
3–4	The student: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>i. uses a <b>basic range</b> of vocabulary</li> <li>ii. uses a <b>basic range</b> of grammatical structures with <b>some errors</b> which <b>sometimes</b> hinder communication</li> <li>iii. organizes information in a <b>recognizable</b> format using a <b>range of basic</b> cohesive devices</li> <li>iv. communicates <b>some</b> relevant information with <b>some sense</b> of audience and purpose to suit the context.</li> </ul>
5–6	The student: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>i. uses a <b>range</b> of vocabulary</li> <li>ii. uses a <b>range</b> of grammatical structures with a <b>few errors</b> which <b>do not</b> hinder communication</li> <li>iii. organizes information in an <b>appropriate</b> format using <b>simple and some complex</b> cohesive devices</li> <li>iv. communicates <b>most</b> relevant information with <b>a sense</b> of audience and purpose to suit the context.</li> </ul>
7–8	The student: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>i. uses a <b>wide range</b> of vocabulary</li> <li>ii. uses a <b>wide range</b> of grammatical structures <b>generally accurately</b></li> <li>iii. organizes information <b>effectively and coherently</b> in an <b>appropriate</b> format using a <b>wide range of simple and some complex</b> cohesive devices</li> <li>iv. communicates <b>all or almost all</b> the required information with <b>a clear sense</b> of audience and purpose to suit the context.</li> </ul>