

Canadian Language Benchmarks

Can Do Statements

Listening



At this Benchmark, I can:

• understand most simple sentences

When:

- I can see the person
- the person speaks at a slow to normal rate and helps me understand
- the person often uses pictures or gestures
- the topic is familiar

Interacting with Others

 Understand very short, simple social conversations (including greetings, introductions and endings).

For example:

- an apology from a friend
- an introduction to a new co-worker

Getting Things Done

 Understand common requests, warnings, and permission.

For example:

- a request for a day off work
- a request to borrow a book

Comprehending Instructions

Follow 2- to 4-step common instructions and directions.

For example:

- instructions for a classroom activity
- directions to a washroom

Comprehending Information

 Understand short descriptions of a person, object, situation, personal experience, or routine.

For example:

- a description of a family photo
- details of a birthday party

