Canadian Language Benchmarks

Can Do Statements

Listening 11

At this Benchmark, I can:

 understand an expanded range of complex formal and informal communication on a broad variety of general topics and specialized topics in my field

When:

- the communication is related to unfamiliar, abstract, conceptual, or technical matters
- the communication is lengthy
- the communication is in demanding contexts

Interacting with Others

Understand communication between diverse speakers to resolve conflicts, build consensus, and negotiate compromises.

For example:

- an arbitrator settling a dispute by negotiating a compromise
- a mediator settling a child custody dispute

Getting Things Done

Understand the nuances and subtleties of communication intended to influence or persuade across a broad variety of general interest, academic, and technical topics in my field.

For example:

• arguments for or against a controversial issue

Comprehending Instructions

 Understand complex multistep directions and instructions for unfamiliar procedures in urgent or demanding situations.

For example:

- extensive directions to an unfamiliar location in an emergency situation
- extensive instructions in a medical emergency

Comprehending Information

Understand specialized discussions between several speakers.

For example:

- a series of proposals from staff during a formal meeting
- Understand complex, detailed, and extensive lectures or presentations.

For example:

• a panel discussion presenting different academic positions on a topic