



Profiles of Ability Across Stage I Listening

CLB 1 Initial Basic Ability	CLB 2 Developing Basic Ability	CLB 3 Adequate Basic Ability	CLB 4 Fluent Basic Ability
<p>The listener can: Understand a very limited number of common individual words, simple phrases and routine courtesy formulas related to immediate personal needs.</p> <p>When the communication is:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Spoken clearly at a slow rate • Strongly supported by visuals or non-verbal communication (pictures, gestures) • Face-to-face with a highly supportive speaker or via digital media (usually one-on-one) • Related to immediate personal needs • Very short • In non-demanding contexts <p>Demonstrating these strengths and limitations:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Understands simple phrases and a few factual details • Recognizes meaning based on individual familiar words and short formulaic phrases • Relies heavily on gestures and other visual clues for comprehension • Needs extensive assistance (such as repetition or paraphrasing, speech modification, explanation, demonstration or translation) • Cannot comprehend on the phone 	<p>The listener can: Understand a limited number of individual words, simple phrases and short, simple sentences related to immediate personal needs.</p> <p>When the communication is:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Spoken clearly at a slow rate • Strongly supported by visuals or non-verbal communication (pictures, gestures) • Face-to-face with a highly supportive speaker or via digital media (usually one-on-one) • Related to immediate personal needs • Short • In non-demanding contexts <p>Demonstrating these strengths and limitations:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Understands simple phrases, short, simple sentences and a few factual details • Recognizes meaning based on familiar words and phrases and may show some initial understanding of simple sentences and structures • Relies on contextual and other visual clues for comprehension • Needs considerable assistance (such as repetition or paraphrasing, speech modification, explanation, demonstration or translation) • Cannot comprehend on the phone 	<p>The listener can: Understand key words, formulaic phrases and most short sentences on topics of immediate personal relevance.</p> <p>When the communication is:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Spoken clearly at a slow to normal rate • Often supported by visual or contextual clues • Face-to-face with a supportive speaker or via digital media (usually one-on-one or in small groups) • Related to topics of personal relevance • Relatively short • In non-demanding contexts <p>Demonstrating these strengths and limitations:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Understands the gist and an expanding range of factual details • Recognizes meaning based on familiar phrases and shows a developing understanding of simple sentences and structures • Often relies on contextual clues for comprehension • Needs some assistance (such as repetition and paraphrasing, speech modification, explanation, demonstration or occasional translation) • Comprehension on the phone is very difficult 	<p>The listener can: Understand, with considerable effort, simple formal and informal communication on topics of personal relevance.</p> <p>When the communication is:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Spoken clearly at a slow to normal rate • Sometimes supported by visual or contextual clues • Face-to-face or via digital media (usually one-on-one or in small groups) • Related to topics of personal relevance • Relatively short • In non-demanding contexts <p>Demonstrating these strengths and limitations:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Understands an expanded range of factual details and some implied meanings • Recognizes meaning based on simple sentences and structures and shows an initial understanding of some complex sentences and structures • Sometimes relies on contextual clues for comprehension • Begins to recognize some common registers and idioms • May need some assistance (such as repetition, paraphrasing, speech modification or explanation) • Comprehension on the phone is difficult