

A stylized illustration of a person's head and shoulders in profile, facing right. The person is smiling and has their mouth open as if speaking. Three curved lines radiate from the mouth, representing sound waves. The illustration is set against a dark red circular background.

## Stage II Speaking

### Benchmarks 5-8

**Stage II** spans the range of abilities required to communicate with increasing effectiveness and confidence in a broadening range of situations that may be less familiar and predictable (moderately demanding contexts of language use).