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Reading	Reading	Reading	Reading	Reading
Level 1 Beginning	Level 2 Early Intermediate	Level 3 Intermediate	Level 4 Early Advanced	Level 5 Advanced
6 th Score Range: 460 or below	6 th Score Range: 461-495	6 th Score Range: 496-564	6 th Score Range: 565-603	6 th Score Range: 604 or above
7 th Score Range: 485 or below	7 th Score Range: 486-533	7 th Score Range: 534-608	7 th Score Range: 609-641	7 th Score Range: 642 or above
8 th Score Range: 493 or below	8 th Score Range: 494-546	8 th Score Range: 547-639	8 th Score Range 640-668	8 th Score Range: 669 or above
When reading grade-	When reading grade-	When reading grade-appropriate	When reading grade-appropriate	When reading grade-appropriate
appropriate text, the student	appropriate text, the student	text, the student at Level 3 is	text, the student at Level 4 is	text, the student at Level 5 is
at Level 1 is working on:	at Level 2 is working on:	working on:	working on:	working on:
identifying a few key words and	identifying the main topic and a	determining the central idea or theme	determining two or more central ideas	determining central ideas or themes and
phrases in simple written texts;	few key details in simple written	and supporting details; responding to	and how they are supported by	how they are supported by specific
identifying basic information	texts; identifying key words and	others' comments and answering	specific details; building on ideas of	details; summarizing key ideas in text;
within text; responding to simple	phrases; responding to simple	questions on familiar topics; gathering	others, adding relevant and specific	responding to others' comments and
questions and some wh-	comments and questions on a	information from a few sources; using	evidence; summarizing text; gathering	answering questions on a variety of
questions on familiar topics.	variety of topics as well as some	context clues to determine the	information from multiple sources to	topics, adding relevant and specific
	wh- questions; gathering and	meanings of general academic and	summarize ideas, information and	evidence; gathering information from
	recording information.	content-specific words and phrases;	observations; analyzing the arguments	sources, evaluating its credibility, and
		explaining an author's argument;	and claims made in text, determining	paraphrasing the data; determining
		analyzing the arguments and claims	the sufficiency of supporting evidence;	whether reasoning is sound and
		made in text, distinguishing between	determining the meaning of content-	evidence is sufficient to support claims;
		those that are supported by reasons or	specific words and phrases and some	determining the meaning of figurative
		evidence and those that are not.	idiomatic expressions.	and connotative language.

Writing	Writing	Writing	Writing	Writing
Level 1 Beginning	Level 2 Early Intermediate	Level 3 Intermediate	Level 4 Early Advanced	Level 5 Advanced
6 th Score Range: 424 or below	6 th Score Range: 425-471	6 th Score Range: 472-563	6 th Score Range: 564-593	6 th Score Range: 594 or above
7 th Score Range: 473 or below	7 th Score Range: 474-519	7 th Score Range: 520-596	7 th Score Range: 597-624	7 th Score Range: 625 or above
8 th Score Range: 483 or below	8 th Score Range: 484-532	8 th Score Range: 533-618	8 th Score Range: 619-646	8 th Score Range: 647 or above
When writing, the student at	When writing, the student at	When writing, the student at Level	When writing, the student at Level	When writing, the student at Level 5
Level 1 is working on:	Level 2 is working on:	3 is working on:	4 is working on:	is working on:
participating in short written	participating in short written	participating in written exchanges with	participating in written exchanges on a	participating in extended written
exchanges and presenting simple	exchanges; composing claims,	some details; constructing a claim	variety of topics and texts; asking and	exchanges on a variety of topics and
information; expressing an	narratives, or informational texts	about a topic, introducing the topic,	answering relevant questions;	texts; adding evidence and summarizing
opinion about a familiar topic;	about familiar topics; providing a	and providing reasons and facts in	paraphrasing to restate information;	ideas; composing narrative and
responding to wh- questions	reason or fact to support the claim;	logical order; providing a concluding	composing narrative and informational	informational texts with relevant details
about presentations using	responding to simple and wh-	statement; asking and answering	texts with specific details about a	about a variety of topics; constructing a
vocabulary from the	questions; recounting a brief	questions, adding relevant information;	variety of topics; constructing a claim	claim, introducing the topic and
presentation topic.	sequence of events in order; using	expressing own ideas in writing;	and providing sufficient reasons to	providing compelling, ordered reasons
	frequently occurring general	recounting a short sequence of events	support it; analyzing an argument or	to support the claim; recounting a
	academic and content-specific	in order with a beginning, middle, and	claim; using simple, compound and	complex sequence of events with a
	words and phrases.	end; using common transitional words	complex sentences with transitional	beginning, middle, and end; adapting
		and phrases.	words and phrases to connect events	language choices and style to the
			and ideas.	purpose and audience; precisely
				expressing ideas while maintaining a
				consistent style and tone.

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Listening	Listening	Listening	Listening	Listening
Level 1 Beginning	Level 2 Early Intermediate	Level 3 Intermediate	Level 4 Early Advanced	Level 5 Advanced
6 th Score Range: 409 or below	6 th Score Range: 410-439	6 th Score Range: 440-497	6 th Score Range: 498-564	6 th Score Range: 565 or above
7 th Score Range: 429 or below	7 th Score Range: 430-472	7 th Score Range: 473-552	7 th Score Range: 553-596	7 th Score Range: 597 or above
8 th Score Range: 431 or below	8 th Score Range: 432-477	8 th Score Range: 478-564	8 th Score Range: 565-612	8 th Score Range: 613 or above
When listening, the student	When listening, the student at	When listening, the student at	When listening, the student at	When listening, the student at Level
at Level 1 is working on:	Level 2 is working on:	Level 3 is working on:	Level 4 is working on:	5 is working on:
recognizing a few key words or phrases; responding to simple questions and some whquestions; identifying a point made by a speaker.	recognizing the main topic and retelling a few key points; responding to simple questions and wh- questions; determining the meaning of frequently occurring words, phrases and expressions.	determining the main idea and a few supporting details; paraphrasing the main idea; participating in discussions, building on the ideas of others and answering questions; determining the meaning of general education and content specific words.	determining the main idea and supporting evidence; paraphrasing and analyzing information to determine if the evidence supports the argument; posing and answering relevant questions; adding additional relevant information and evidence to key ideas.	determining main idea or ideas and how each idea is supported with evidence; gathering information from multiple oral sources and evaluating the credibility of the information; quoting or citing examples while paraphrasing data and conclusions; determining the meaning of general academic, context specific, figurative and idiomatic phrases.

Speaking	Speaking	Speaking	Speaking	Speaking
Level 1 Beginning	Level 2 Early Intermediate	Level 3 Intermediate	Level 4 Early Advanced	Level 5 Advanced
6 th Score Range: 464 or below 7 th Score Range: 474 or below 8 th Score Range: 475 or below	6 th Score Range: 465-510 7 th Score Range: 475-526 8 th Score Range: 476-527	6 th Score Range: 511-561 7 th Score Range: 527-581 8 th Score Range: 528-589	6 th Score Range: 562-594 7 th Score Range: 582-610 8 th Score Range: 590-618	6 th Score Range: 595 or above 7 th Score Range: 611 or above 8 th Score Range: 619 or above
When speaking, the student at Level 1 is working on:	When speaking, the student at Level 2 is working on:	When speaking, the student at Level 3 is working on:	When speaking, the student at Level 4 is working on:	When speaking, the student at Level 5 is working on:
using basic and topical vocabulary; responding to simple and wh- questions about a presentation; expressing an opinion about a topic; recognizing and using frequently occurring nouns, phrases, and verbs.	offering an opinion or prediction using simple grammatical structures and vocabulary; responding to questions with words relevant to the topic; interpreting the information in a picture or graph about a familiar topic, constructing a claim and providing a supporting reason; producing simple and compound sentences.	describing a picture or graph using general academic and content-specific vocabulary, and compound as well as complex sentences; constructing a claim and providing several supporting reasons or facts in a logical order; adapting language choices to audience; delivering a short oral presentation, or recounting a brief sequence of events in order using linking words.	participating in conversations and discussions with appropriate grammatical structures; recounting a detailed sequence of events with a beginning, middle, and end; summarizing information using simple, compound and complex sentences; supporting main ideas clearly with relevant and specific evidence; deliver oral presentations about a variety of topics and experiences.	making predictions and drawing conclusions from a variety of sources; asking and answering questions, and stating opinions with appropriate grammatical structures and vocabulary; recounting a complex sequence of events; making a claim with simple, compound, and complex sentences.