

ELPA21 Performance Level Descriptors-Grades 6-12

	Beginning	Early Intermediate	Intermediate	Early Advanced	Advanced/ Proficient
Reading	Understand text with pictures and concrete vocabulary. Can sound out words and identify letters.	Understand below grade-level text with a lot of support and limited fluency. Use surrounding words to understand text.	Understand some grade-level text. Understand literal meanings and can find information using surrounding words.	Understand most grade-level text. Can find information and start to understand the meaning and purpose of text.	Understand grade-level text from a variety of topics. Understand meaning and purpose of most texts.
Writing	Use limited and simple language. Write memorized vocabulary and phrases with many errors.	Use simple language to organize information. Write sentences with many errors.	Use accurate language to organize information. Write sentences and paragraphs with some errors.	Use precise language with few errors. Write clear sentences and decides making connections to details, audience and purpose.	Use precise complex language with accuracy. Write clear sentences making effective connections to details, audience and purpose.
Speaking	Repeat English using single words and gestures to communicate. Use basic language to interact with others making many errors.	Use simple language and interacts socially with others making frequent errors.	Use more specific language for social and academic purposes making some errors.	Use precise language for social and academic purposes making few errors.	Use language similar to a native English speaker. Interact socially and academically making few to no errors.

Listening	Understand and respond to basic information.	Understand simple information in limited situations and some academic vocabulary with support from the teacher.	Understand more information and some academic vocabulary and concepts.	Understand most grade-level academic information and concepts. Understand a wide range of vocabulary and grammar.	Understand complex information and grade-level content on difficult and abstract concepts.
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