# ***LISTENING STAGE ONE: BASIC PROFICIENCY***

***NOTE:*** ***These Benchmarks are to be used in an age/grade-appropriate context***.

**B 1 Developmental:**

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| ***The Student:*** | **Yes** | No | Notes/Comments |
| Understands a very limited number of common individual words in a predictable context.  Understands a very limited number of simple phrases in a predictable context. |  |  |  |
| Responds to basic greetings. |  |  |  |
| Follows simple instructions that depend on gestures. |  |  |  |
| Needs extensive assistance such as explanation, demonstrations, etc. |  |  |  |

**B 2 Progression:**

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| ***The Student:*** | **Yes** | No | Notes/Comments |
| Responds to simple personal information questions related  to the immediate context.  Follows simple commands or directions related to the immediate context. |  |  |  |
| Struggles to understand simple instructions without clear clues about the context. |  |  |  |
| Needs frequent assistance. |  |  |  |
| Follows questions related to personal experience.  Reacts appropriately to an increasing number of common classroom instructions. |  |  |  |

**B 3 Accomplished:**

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| ***The Student:*** | **Yes** | No | Notes/Comments |
| Follows simple discussions on topics of immediate personal relevance, at times with considerable effort. |  |  |  |
| Recognizes topics by familiar words.  Recognizes topics by familiar phrases. |  |  |  |
| Follows simple short direct questions. |  |  |  |
| Understands common classroom instructions related to the context.  Understands common classroom directions related to the context. |  |  |  |
| Requests repetition often. |  |  |  |

## ***LISTENING STAGE TWO: INTERMEDIATE PROFICIENCY***

***NOTE:*** ***These Benchmarks are to be used in an age/grade-appropriate context***.

**I 1 Developmental:**

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| ***The Student:*** | **Yes** | No | Notes/Comments |
| Follows, with some effort, the gist of oral communication  in moderately demanding situations. |  |  |  |
| Understands direct questions about personal experience and familiar topics.  Understands short sets of common daily instructions.  Understands routine announcements. |  |  |  |
| Understands a range of common vocabulary. |  |  |  |
| Requests repetition frequently. |  |  |  |

**I 2 Progression:**

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| ***The Student:*** | **Yes** | No | Notes/Comments |
| Understands important details in discussions involving classroom activities.  Understands main points in discussions involving home activities. |  |  |  |
| Follows most discussions on familiar topics at normal  rate of speech. |  |  |  |
| Understands a range of common vocabulary. |  |  |  |
| Understand short sets of instructions and directions. |  |  |  |
| Sometimes requires slower speech, repetitions  and rewording. |  |  |  |

**I 3 Accomplished:**

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| ***The Student:*** | **Yes** | No | Notes/Comments |
| Comprehends main points, details, and speaker’s purpose,  in most common classroom context.  Understands main points and details in most common  discussions about home and family. |  |  |  |
| Comprehends an expanded range of concrete language.  Understands some abstract and conceptual language. |  |  |  |
| Is beginning to determine mood, attitude, and feelings. |  |  |  |
| Understands sufficient vocabulary and “common” expressions to follow stories and descriptions. |  |  |  |
| Has difficulty following rapid speech by native speakers. |  |  |  |

### ***LISTENING STAGE THREE: ADVANCED PROFICIENCY***

***NOTE:*** ***These Benchmarks are to be used in an age/grade-appropriate context***.

**A 1 Developmental:**

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| ***The Student:*** | **Yes** | No | Notes/Comments |
| Obtains information for important tasks by listening to 15  to 30-minute discussion in some demanding contexts of language use. |  |  |  |
| Grasps the meaning of discussion in order to summarize key points and important details. |  |  |  |
| May miss some details in a discussion and may become  Lost. |  |  |  |
| May have difficulty understanding verbal humour.  May have difficulty understanding cultural references. |  |  |  |

**A 2 Progression:**

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| ***The Student:*** | **Yes** | No | Notes/Comments |
| Obtains information for important tasks by listening to 15  to 30-minute discussion in some demanding contexts of language use. |  |  |  |
| Follows most discussions on topics of general interest, delivered at a normal rate of speed. |  |  |  |
| Occasionally misses a topic shift or other transition. |  |  |  |
| Understands a broad range of factual and expressive oral language in the classroom setting.  Understands a broad range of factual and expressive oral language in the home settings. |  |  |  |
| Sometimes has difficulty interpreting culturally based  verbal humour, especially when spoken at a rapid rate. |  |  |  |
| Has an adequate listening/interpreting skill to satisfy most school, social, and family-related situations. |  |  |  |

**A 3 Accomplished:**

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| ***The Student:*** | **Yes** | No | Notes/Comments |
| Competently and fluently interprets all spoken language in  a broad variety of demanding contexts. |  |  |  |
| Follows long stretches of oral discussion with complex language. |  |  |  |
| Understands most stated and unstated information in a discussion. |  |  |  |
| Critically evaluates most aspects of oral discussion. |  |  |  |