## Grades 10–12

## ESL Benchmarks Summary

	Level 1 Beginning	Level 2 Developing	Level 3 Expanding	Level 4 Bridging	Level 5 Extending
Listening	Understands: • some descriptive, subject-specific and academic words • simple sentences • familiar social expressions • literal questions, such as those using "What," "Where," "When," "Who," and "How many." Requires visuals, gestures and demonstrations to understand new information.	<ul> <li>Understands:</li> <li>more descriptive, subject-specific and academic words</li> <li>compound sentences</li> <li>social and idiomatic expressions</li> <li>open-ended questions, such as: "How does?" and "Why would?"</li> <li>Uses visual supports as needed to understand new information.</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>Understands:</li> <li>a range of descriptive, subject-specific and academic words</li> <li>compound and complex sentences</li> <li>slang and humour</li> <li>hypothetical questions, such as: "If then?"</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>Understands:</li> <li>synonyms, antonyms and words with multiple meanings related to academic topics</li> <li>a variety of sentence structures</li> <li>sarcasm and innuendo</li> <li>inference questions and implied meaning of questions.</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>Understands:</li> <li>a broad range of vocabulary</li> <li>the subtle differences in sentence structures that affect meaning</li> <li>subtle social and cultural references</li> <li>information-gap questions.</li> </ul>
Speaking	Expresses needs, feelings and preferences and responds to questions. Uses • some descriptive, subject-specific and academic words • patterned sentences and known phrases • the conjunction "and" to connect words and sentences • greetings, common courtesy and social expressions. Speaks with some errors and omissions.	<ul> <li>Expresses ideas, makes statements, and asks and answers questions.</li> <li>Uses: <ul> <li>more descriptive, subject-specific and academic words</li> <li>affirmative and negative statements, questions and commands</li> <li>conjunctions and time and sequence markers to connect ideas</li> <li>common slang and idioms with peers.</li> </ul> </li> <li>Speaks with some agreement and tense errors.</li> </ul>	Communicates by clarifying, commenting, stating opinions and expressing agreement and disagreement. Uses: • a range of descriptive, subject-specific and academic words • detailed sentences • conjunctions and prepositional phrases to connect ideas • slang, idioms and expressions in appropriate contexts. Speaks with some usage errors.	Communicates through discussion, inquiry and persuasion. Uses: • a greater range of descriptive, subject- specific and academic words • complex, compound and conditional sentences • a variety of cohesive devices • humour and sarcasm appropriate to context and formality. Speaks with occasional errors.	Communicates effectively on practical, social and academic topics. Selects words from a broad range of vocabulary. Manipulates word order to convey precise meaning. Organizes ideas in a coherent, logical pattern. Adapts speech to context, audience and purpose. Speaks with increasing accuracy.

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Reading	<ul> <li>Reads: <ul> <li>familiar sight words</li> <li>some descriptive and subject-specific words</li> <li>simple sentences</li> <li>text at a literal level</li> <li>word by word or with phrasing.</li> </ul> </li> <li>Understands by using: <ul> <li>pictures</li> <li>patterned sentences</li> <li>shared experiences</li> <li>first language and culture.</li> </ul> </li> </ul>	Reads: • word families • more descriptive, subject-specific and academic words • simple detailed sentences • familiar social expressions and figurative language • with phrasing, rereading and substitution. Understands by: • rereading • reading on • using contextual clues • using root word analysis.	Reads: • root words and affixes • a range of words • complex sentences with subordinate, relative and conditional clauses • explicit social and cultural references • with increasing expression and attends to punctuation. Understands by: • predicting • using inferencing • using contextual clues • analyzing affixes.	<ul> <li>Reads:</li> <li>multisyllabic words</li> <li>a greater range of words</li> <li>a range of sentence structures</li> <li>implied meaning of social and cultural references</li> <li>consistently with expression and self-corrects.</li> </ul> Understands by: <ul> <li>synthesizing</li> <li>summarizing</li> <li>drawing conclusions</li> <li>using contextual clues</li> <li>using word analysis.</li> </ul>	Reads words with unique spelling patterns. Distinguishes subtleties of meaning in idioms, metaphors and word connotations. Comprehends complex grammar and sentence forms in active and passive voice. Reads fluently with intonation and expression. Interprets and applies textual information to new situations.
Writing	<ul> <li>Writes:</li> <li>some utility, descriptive and subject-specific words</li> <li>simple affirmative and negative sentences</li> <li>connected ideas in simple sentences</li> <li>to complete forms, to create graphic organizers and to label diagrams.</li> <li>Edits for regular spelling, capitals and periods.</li> <li>Writes with some tense errors and omissions.</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>Writes:</li> <li>more utility, descriptive and subject-specific words</li> <li>simple detailed sentences</li> <li>basic paragraphs</li> <li>using appropriate templates and graphic organizers.</li> <li>Edits for regular spelling, additional detail, end punctuation and commas.</li> <li>Writes with some tense and word usage errors.</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>Writes: <ul> <li>a range of descriptive, subject-specific and academic words</li> <li>a variety of compound and complex sentences</li> <li>detailed paragraphs</li> <li>using appropriate form and style.</li> </ul> </li> <li>Edits text for irregular spelling, punctuation, subject-verb agreement and word choice.</li> <li>Writes with occasional errors.</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>Writes:</li> <li>by selecting appropriate words from a greater range of vocabulary</li> <li>sentence structures to express relationships of time and condition</li> <li>cohesive, well-developed academic compositions</li> <li>with a developing sense of style, audience and genre.</li> <li>Revises text for content, organization and active and passive voice.</li> <li>Writes with increasing accuracy.</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>Writes:</li> <li>to convey precise meaning in complex and abstract contexts</li> <li>sentence structures appropriate to audience, genre and purpose</li> <li>a variety of academic texts</li> <li>independently for the appropriate audience, genre and degree of formality.</li> <li>Revises text for audience, purpose, voice and standard grammatical forms.</li> <li>Writes with accuracy.</li> </ul>

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