

Basic User

Independent User

Proficient User

What's my proficiency level?

NOVICE LOW

- Can give lists
- Uses only memorized phrases
- Occasional short sentences

NOVICE MID

- Speaks in lists
- 50+ words
- No creation
- Can introduce self and others

NOVICE HIGH

- Speaks in phrases
- Speech is still limited to memorized material
- Can ask for and give simple directions

How can I jump a level?

- Combine your words and phrases into full sentences.
- Practice asking questions.
- Keep learning new words.

Parrot

INTERMEDIATE LOW

- Speaks in complete sentences
- Can hold simple conversations about everyday topics
- Can ask and answer questions on familiar topics

INTERMEDIATE MID

- Can create with language using some memorized phrases
- Created language is mostly related to self
- Can handle a simple situation or transaction
- Can create my own questions and answer someone else's

INTERMEDIATE HIGH

- Can use language to do a task that requires multiple steps
- Can handle a situation that may have a complication
- Can present a point of view with reasons to support
- Ask and answer variety of questions
- Can tell a story in the past, present and future with errors

How can I jump a level?

- Speak in more full sentences.
- Keep the conversation going by asking follow up questions.
- Keep learning new words.
- Talk around words that you don't know.
- Practice talking about past events.

Survivor

ADVANCED LOW

- Can participate in most informal and some formal conversations
- Narrates and describes in paragraphs
- Can rephrase and describe unfamiliar words
- Speech may be somewhat irregular, strained, and tentative
- Can convey intended message without confusion
- Can narrate a story in the past, present, and future

ADVANCED MID

- Narrates and describes in the past, present, and future with few errors
- Communicates well about concrete topics, especially familiar topics
- Can handle an unexpected turn of events

ADVANCED HIGH

- Can communicate with ease about a variety of topics
- Does better discussing concrete rather than abstract topics
- Can paraphrase and describe words to compensate for unknown vocabulary

How can I jump a level?

- Work on supporting your opinion.
- Try to speak with fewer hesitations.
- Add more details to explain complex matters.
- Practice discussing more advanced topics, like politics and abstract topics.

Reporter

NOVICE LOW

NOVICE MID

NOVICE HIGH

INTERMEDIATE LOW

INTERMEDIATE MID

INTERMEDIATE HIGH

ADVANCED LOW

ADVANCED MID

ADVANCED HIGH

How can I jump a level?

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