

# WIDA Performance Definitions - Speaking and Writing Grades K-12

Within sociocultural contexts for language use...

	Discourse Dimension	Sentence Dimension	Word/Phrase Dimension
	Linguistic Complexity	Language Forms and Conventions	Vocabulary Usage
<b>Level 6 - Reaching</b> Language that meets all criteria through Level 5, Bridging			
At each grade, toward the end of a given level of English language proficiency, and with instructional support, English language learners will produce...			
<b>Level 5 Bridging</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Multiple, complex sentences</li> <li>Organized, cohesive, and coherent expression of ideas</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>A variety of grammatical structures matched to purpose</li> <li>A broad range of sentence patterns characteristic of particular content areas</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Technical and abstract content-area language, including content-specific collocations</li> <li>Words and expressions with precise meaning across content areas</li> </ul>
<b>Level 4 Expanding</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Short, expanded, and some complex sentences</li> <li>Organized expression of ideas with emerging cohesion</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>A variety of grammatical structures</li> <li>Sentence patterns characteristic of particular content areas</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Specific and some technical content-area language</li> <li>Words and expressions with expressive meaning through use of collocations and idioms across content areas</li> </ul>
<b>Level 3 Developing</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Short and some expanded sentences with emerging complexity</li> <li>Expanded expression of one idea or emerging expression of multiple related ideas</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Repetitive grammatical structures with occasional variation</li> <li>Sentence patterns across content areas</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Specific content language, including cognates and expressions</li> <li>Words or expressions with multiple meanings used across content areas</li> </ul>
<b>Level 2 Emerging</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Phrases or short sentences</li> <li>Emerging expression of ideas</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Formulaic grammatical structures</li> <li>Repetitive phrasal and sentence patterns across content areas</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>General content words and expressions</li> <li>Social and instructional words and expressions across content areas</li> </ul>
<b>Level 1 Entering</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Words, phrases, or chunks of language</li> <li>Single words used to represent ideas</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Phrase-level grammatical structures</li> <li>Phrasal patterns associated with common social and instructional situations</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>General content-related words</li> <li>Everyday social, instructional and some content-related words</li> </ul>