

GRADING CRITERIA

A – VERY GOOD TO EXCELLENT

Very good to excellent command of the language AT THIS LEVEL.
Meaningful, appropriate and thorough written and oral responses with interesting and pertinent detail.
Ease of expression.
Makes every effort to use the target language in class.
Very good command of conventions of written language (orthography, sentence structure, paragraphing and punctuation). Few word-order errors.
Virtually free of significant errors in syntax and good use of verbs.
Wide range of vocabulary, including idiomatic usage.
High level of fluency with strong attempts at more complicated structures.
High level of comprehension in listening and reading activities.
Good intonation and largely accurate pronunciation with slight accent.
Demonstrates nuanced understanding of and appreciation for cultural differences.

B – GOOD

Clearly demonstrates competence AT THIS LEVEL.
Meaningful, appropriate responses orally and in writing with sufficient detail.
Good command of the language.
Makes a good effort to use the target language; avoids using English in class.
Conventions of the written language generally correct. Loosely organized, but main ideas present with some word-order errors.
Few errors of syntax and appropriate use of verbs.
Above-average range of vocabulary.
Good idiomatic usage and little awkwardness of expression.
Good level of comprehension in listening and reading activities.
Good fluency with some attempts at more complicated structures.
Acceptable intonation and pronunciation with distinctive accent.
Demonstrates strong understanding of and appreciation for cultural differences.

C – ACCEPTABLE

Suggests competence AT THIS LEVEL.
Appropriate but limited oral and written responses with reliance on simple structures.
Speaks and writes with some detail, but not sufficient.
Comprehensible but strained expression ; halting, may self-correct.
Makes some effort to use the target language in class.
May have frequent errors in orthography and other conventions of the written language. Many word-order errors. Some attempts at organization, but with confused sequencing.
Some serious errors of syntax and some successful self-correction. Frequent errors in

complex structures.

Some fluency but hesitant. Pronunciation does not interfere with communication.

Understands main elements when listening and reading.

Moderate range of vocabulary and idiomatic usage. Few anglicisms.

Errors in intonation and pronunciation with heavy accent.

Demonstrates some understanding of and appreciation for cultural differences.

D –WEAK TO POOR

Suggests Incompetence AT THIS LEVEL.

Oral and written responses force interpretation of appropriateness and/or meaning.

Attempts to translate or use English; avoids using or speaking in the target language.

Poor command of the language marked by frequent serious errors of syntax even in the most elementary structures. Limited grammatical structures and lack of organization..

Unfinished answers due to lack of resources. General, narrow responses.

Limited fluency. Poor pronunciation and it interferes with communication.

Narrow range of vocabulary and of idiomatic usage.

Pervasive errors of orthography may be present. Excessive word-order errors.

Little control of syntax and frequent anglicisms.

Occasional redeeming features such as correct advanced structure.

Very little understanding when listening and reading.

Errors in intonation and pronunciation that interfere with listener's comprehension.

Demonstrates very little understanding of and appreciation for cultural differences.

F –UNACCEPTABLE

Demonstrates incompetence AT THIS LEVEL.

Irrelevant or incomprehensible answers orally and in writing.

Unacceptable from almost every point of view.

Glaring weakness in syntax and pronunciation. Constant grammatical errors impede communication.

Few vocabulary resources. Little or no sense of idiomatic usage.

Practically no understanding of target language when listening and reading.

Severe problems with orthography that may interfere with written communication.

Demonstrates practically no understanding of and appreciation for cultural differences.

(These standards or interpretations of the grading scale 0 – 100 are applied to the goals and objectives of each level i.e. 101, 102, etc...)