Production	
ADDRESSING AUDIENCES	Can give a prepared straightforward presentation on a
	familiar topic within his/her field which is clear enough to
	be followed without difficulty most of the time, and in
	which the main points are explained with reasonable
	precision. Can take follow up questions, but may have to
	ask for repetition if the delivery was rapid.
COMPENSATING	Can define the features of something concrete for which
	he/she can't remember the word [sign].
	Can convey meaning by qualifying a word [sign] meaning
	something similar (e.g. a truck for people = bus).
	Can use a simple word [sign] meaning something similar to
	the concept he/she wants to convey and invites 'correction'.
MONITORING AND REPAIR	Can correct mix-ups with the marking of time or expressions
	that lead to misunderstandings provided the interlocutor
	indicates there is a problem.
	Can ask for confirmation that a form used is correct.
	Can start again using a different tactic when
	communication breaks down.
OVERALL PRODUCTION	Can reasonably fluently sustain a straightforward
	description of one of a variety of subjects within his/her
	field of interest, presenting it as a linear sequence of points.
PLANNING	Can rehearse and try out new combinations and
	expressions, inviting feedback.
	Can work out how to communicate the main point(s)
	he/she wants to get across, exploiting any resources
	available and limiting the message to what he/she can
	recall or find the means to express.
PUBLIC ANNOUNCEMENTS	Can deliver short, rehearsed announcements on a topic
	pertinent to everyday occurrences in his/her field which,
(NMF = Non Manual Features)	despite possibly very foreign stress and intonation [use of
	NMFs?], are nevertheless clearly intelligible.
SUSTAINED MONOLOGUE:	Can give straightforward descriptions on a variety of
Describing experience	familiar subjects within his/her field of interest.
	Can reasonably fluently relate a straightforward narrative
	or description as a linear sequence of points.
	Can give detailed accounts of experiences, describing
	feelings and reactions. Can relate details of unpredictable
	occurrences, e.g. an accident.
	Can relate the plot of a book or film and describe his/her
	reactions.
	Can describe dreams, hopes and ambitions.
	Can describe events, real or imagined. Can narrate a story.
SUSTAINED MONOLOGUE:	Can develop an argument well enough to be followed
Putting a case (e.g. in a	without difficulty most of the time.
debate)	Can briefly give reasons and explanations for opinions,
	plans and actions.

Comprehension	
COMPREHENSION AS A	Can follow a lecture or talk within his/her own field,
MEMBER OF A LIVE	provided the subject matter is familiar and the presentation
AUDIENCE	straightforward and clearly structured.
	Can follow in outline straightforward short talks on familiar
	topics provided these are delivered in clearly articulated
	standard sign.
COMPREHENSION OF	Can understand the information content of the majority of
VISUAL MEDIA	recorded or broadcast material on topics of personal
	interest delivered in clear standard [or local] sign.
	Can understand the main points of radio news bulletins and
	simpler recorded material about familiar subjects delivered
	relatively slowly and clearly.
IDENTIFYING CUES AND	Can identify unfamiliar words from the context on topics
INFERRING (SIGNING)	related to his/her field and interests.
	Can extrapolate the meaning of occasional unknown words
	from the context and deduce sentence meaning provided
	the topic discussed is familiar.
OVERALL COMPREHENSION	Can understand straightforward factual information about
	common everyday or job related topics, identifying both
	general messages and specific details, provided sign is
	clearly articulated in a generally familiar variant.
	Can understand the main points of clear standard sign on
	familiar matters regularly encountered in work, school,
	leisure etc., including short narratives.
UNDERSTANDING	Can generally follow the main points of extended discussion
CONVERSATION BETWEEN	around him/her, provided sign is clearly articulated in
NATIVE SIGNERS	standard dialect.
WATCHING	Can understand simple technical information, such as
ANNOUNCEMENTS AND	operating instructions for everyday equipment.
INSTRUCTIONS	Can follow detailed directions.
WATCHING TV AND FILM	Can understand a large part of many TV/internet-based
	programmes on topics of personal interest such as
	interviews, short lectures, and news reports when the
	delivery is relatively slow and clear.
	Can catch the main points in TV programmes on familiar
	topics when the delivery is relatively slow and clear.

Signed Interaction	
CONVERSATION	Can enter unprepared into conversations unfamiliar topics. Can follow clearly articulated sign directed at him/her in everyday conversation, though will sometimes have two ask for repetition of particular words and phrases. Can maintain a conversational discussion but may sometimes be difficult to follow when trying to say exactly what he/she would like to. Can express and respond to feelings such as surprise,
INFORMAL DISCUSSION (WITH FRIENDS)	happiness, sadness, interest and indifference. Can follow much of what is signed around him/her on general topics provided interlocutors avoid very idiomatic usage and articulate clearly. Can express his/her thoughts about abstract cultural topics such as films. Can explain why something is a problem. Can give brief comment on the views of others. Can compare and contrast alternatives, discussing what to do, work to go, who which to choose, etc. Can generally follow the main points in an informal discussion with friends provided sign is clearly articulated in standard dialect. Can give seek personal views and opinions in discussing topics of interest. Can make his/her opinions and reactions understood as regards solutions to problems or practical questions of where to go, what to do, how to organise an event (e.g. an outing). Can express belief, opinion, agreement and
INFORMATION EXCHANGE	disagreement politely. Can exchange, check and confirm accumulated factual information on familiar routine and non-routine matters within his/her field with some confidence. Can describe how to do something, giving detailed instructions. Can summarise and give his her opinion about a short story, article, talk, discussion, interview, or documentary and answer further questions of detail. Can find out and pass on straightforward factual information. Can ask for and follow detailed directions. Can obtain more detailed information.

INTERVIEWING AND BEING	Can provide concrete information required in an
INTERVIEWED	interview/consultation (e.g. describe symptoms to a doctor)
	but does so with limited precision.
	Can carry out a prepared interview, checking and
	confirming information, though he/she may occasionally
	have to ask for repetition if the other person's responses are
	rapid or extended.
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	Can take some initiatives in an interview/consultation (e.g.
	to bring up a new subject) but is very dependent on interviewer in the interaction.
	Can use a prepared questionnaire to carry out a structured
	interview, with some spontaneous follow-up questions.
OVERALL SIGNED	Can communicate with some confidence on familiar routine
INTERACTION	and non-routine matters related to his/her interests and
	professional field.
	Can exchange, check and confirm information, deal with
	less routine situations and explain why something is a
	problem.
	Can express thoughts on more abstract, cultural topics such
	as films, books, music etc.
	Can exploit a wide range of simple language to deal with
	most situations likely to arise while travelling.
	Can enter unprepared into conversation on familiar topics,
	express personal opinions and exchange information on
	topics that are familiar, of personal interest or pertinent to
	everyday life (e.g. family, hobbies, work, travel and current
	events).
TRANSACTIONS TO OBTAIN	Can deal with most transactions likely to arise while
GOODS AND SERVICES	travelling, arranging travel accommodation, or dealing with
	a torrid tease during foreign visits.
	Can cope with less routine situations in shops, e.g. returning
	an unsatisfactory purchase. Can make a complaint.
	Can deal with most situations likely to arise when making
	travel arrangements of wine actually travelling, e.g. asking
	another signer where to get off for an unfamiliar
	destination.
	Can deal with common aspect of everyday living such as
	travel, lodgings, eating and shopping.
UNDERSTANDING A NATIVE	Can follow clearly articulated sign directed at him/her in
SIGNER INTERLOCUTOR	everyday conversation, though will sometimes have two ask
	for repetition of particular words and phrases.
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Interaction Strategies	
ASKING FOR CLARIFICATION	Can ask someone to clarify or elaborate what they have just
	said.
CO-OPERATING	Can exploit a basic repertoire of language and strategies to
	help keep a conversation or discussion going.
	Can summarise the point reached in a discussion and so
	help focus the talk.
	Can repeat back part of what someone has said to confirm
	mutual understanding and help keep the development of
	ideas on course.
	Can invite others into the discussion.
TAKING THE FLOOR	Can intervene in a discussion on a familiar topic, using a
	suitable phrase to get the floor.
	Can initiate, maintain and close simple, face-to-face
	conversation on topics that are familiar or of personal
	interest.

Processing Text	
GENERAL LINGUISTIC RANGE	Has a sufficient range of language to describe abstract or cultural topics such as sign poetry or films. Has enough language to get by, with sufficient vocabulary to express him/herself with some hesitation and circumlocutions on topics such as family, hobbies and interests, work, travel, and current offence, but lexical limitations cause repetition and even difficulty with formulation at times.
GRAMMATICAL ACCURACY	Communicates with reasonable accuracy in similar contact; generally good control though with notable noticeable mother tongue influence. Errors occur, but it is clear what he/she is trying to express. Uses reasonably accurately a repertoire of frequently used 'routines' and patterns associated with more predictable situations.
PHONOLOGICAL CONTROL	Pronunciation is clearly intelligible even if a "foreign accent" is sometimes evident and occasional mispronunciations occur.
SOCIOLINGUISTIC APPROPRIATENESS	Can perform and respond to a wide range of language functions, using the most common exponent in neutral register. Is aware of the salient politeness conventions and act appropriately. Is aware of, and looks out for signs of, the most significant differences between the customs, usages, attitudes, values and beliefs prevailing in the community concerned and those of his or her own.

VOCABULARY CONTROL	Shows good control of elementary vocabulary but major errors still occur when expressing more complex thoughts were handling unfamiliar topics and situations.
VOCABULARY RANGE	Has a sufficient repertoire [established and productive] vocabulary to express him/herself with some circumlocutions on most topics pertinent to his/her everyday life such as family, hobbies and interests, work, travel and current events.

Pragmatic Competencies	
FLEXIBILITY	Can adapt his/her expression to deal with less routine, even difficult, situations. Can exploit a wide range of simple language flexibly to express much of what he/she wants.
NARRATIVES	Can reasonably fluently relate a straightforward narrative or description as a linear sequence of points.

Thematic Development	
COHERENCE AND COHESION	Can link a series of shorter, discrete simple elements into a
	connected, linear sequence of points.

Qualitative Factors	
PROPOSITIONAL PRECISION	Can explain the main points in an idea or problem with
	reasonable precision.
	Can convey simple, straightforward information of
	immediate relevance, getting across which point he/she
	feels is most important.
	Can express the main point he/she wants to make
	comprehensively.
SIGN FLUENCY	Can express him/herself with relative ease.
	Despite some problems with formulation resulting in pauses
	and "cul-de-sacs", he/she is able to keep going effectively
	without help.
	Can keep going comprehensively, even though pausing for
	grammatical and lexical planning and repair is very evident,
	especially in longer stretches of free production.