**KEY LANGUAGE FUNCTIONS
SAMPLE PROGRESSIONS**

NOVICE	INTERMEDIATE	ADVANCED

DESCRIBING PEOPLE, PLACES, THINGS, HOW AND HOW WELL

Give a description using one or two short adjectives or adverbs	Give a basic description & make simple comparisons using frequently used adjectives and adverbs	Give more detailed descriptions including comparatives, contrasts, and superlatives	Give detailed descriptions using a variety of precise adjectives and adverbs	Give detailed descriptions using a wide variety of precise adjectives and adverbs

Related Language Functions

- *Analyze*
- *Categorize*
- *Classify*
- *Clarify*
- *Compare*
- *Contrast*
- *Count*
- *Define*
- *Describe*

- *Describe physical characteristics*
- *Describe the weather*
- *Differentiate*
- *Edit*
- *Evaluate*
- *Explain*
- *Give biographical information*

- *Give examples*
- *Identify*
- *Illustrate*
- *Infer*
- *Interpret*
- *Label*
- *List*
- *Locate*

- *Name*
- *Paraphrase*
- *Present*
- *Rephrase*
- *Restate*
- *Rewrite*
- *Summarize*

ASKING & ANSWERING QUESTIONS

Respond to a simple question	Ask and respond to simple, memorized questions	Ask and respond with some details to a variety of informational questions and follow-up questions	Ask and respond with details to a wide variety of questions including follow-up questions that request details	Ask and respond with elaboration to a wide variety of questions, including follow-up questions that request detailed explanations

Related Language Functions

- *Ask for/give biographical Information*
- *Ask for/give clarification*
- *Ask for/give directions*

- *Ask for/give/refuse permission*
- *Ask for/give time, day, date*

- *Ask/respond to informational questions: who, what, when, where, how, why, how much, how many*

- *Ask & respond to what the weather is like*
- *Extend/accept/refuse invitations*
- *Request/respond*

EXPRESSING FEELINGS AND EMOTIONS

Say that I am happy or sad	Express basic emotions and feelings	Express a variety of emotions and feelings	Express a wide variety of emotions and feelings, beginning to distinguish shades of meaning (ex: happy, thrilled, ecstatic)	Express a wide variety of emotions and feelings, choosing precise expressions appropriately to reflect shades of meaning

Related Language Functions

- *Apologize/forgive*
- *Attract attention*
- *Blame*
- *Complain*
- *Compliment*

- *Congratulate*
- *Express certainty/uncertainty*
- *Express doubt/indecision*
- *Express emotions/feelings*

- *Express interest/lack of interest/indifference/boredom*
- *Express regret*
- *Express surprise*

- *Express sympathy*
- *Mediate/conciliate*
- *Praise/criticize*
- *Thank*
- *Warn*

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EXPRESSING ADVICE, OPINIONS, PREFERENCES

Say I like or don't like something	Express preferences/ opinions in simple sentences	Express opinions/advice with reasons	Express opinions/advice with evidence-based justifications	Express opinions/advice with detailed rationales or arguments based on evidence

Related Language Functions

- *Accept/refuse invitations*
- *Agree/disagree*
- *Analyze/interpret*
- *Approve/disapprove*
- *Argue*
- *Confirm/admit/deny*
- *Contradict*
- *Criticize*

- *Critique*
- *Encourage*
- *Evaluate*
- *Explain*
- *Express likes/dislikes/ preferences*
- *Express obligation*
- *Express opinions*

- *Express possibility/ impossibility*
- *Express probability/improbability*
- *Give advice*
- *Give possible solutions*
- *Give reasons and explain causality*

- *Judge*
- *Justify*
- *Negotiate*
- *Offer alternatives/solutions*
- *Persuade/dissuade*
- *Recommend*
- *Suggest*

TELLING & RETELLING STORIES; SEQUENCING

Recount what I am doing in short, memorized sentences	Tell someone about my day, activities, an event in a simple sequence of sentences	Tell a story or recount an event in a logical sequence of sentences	Tell a detailed story about something that happened, logically sequencing the events	Recount a story or event using paragraph-length narration

Related Language Functions

- *Compile*
- *Compose*
- *Construct*
- *Create*
- *Depict*
- *Describe*
- *Document*

- *Explain*
- *Express cause & effect*
- *Express daily routines*
- *Give commands*
- *Give directions*
- *Give supporting details*
- *Illustrate*

- *Instruct*
- *Narrate*
- *Outline*
- *Organize*
- *Present information*
- *Recount experiences/events*

- *Report*
- *Retell*
- *Sequence*
- *Summarize*
- *Tell*

EXPRESSING HOPES, DREAMS, POSSIBILITIES

Express my plans simply for later in the day, the next day, weekend	Express hopes, plans for the future simply (ex: I hope to…; I will…)	Express hopes, dreams, plans for the future with some details (ex: I would like to…; in order to become X, I will need to …)	Express hopes, dreams, plans, possibilities with explanations (ex: If I could live anywhere in the world, I would live in X because….)	Express hopes, dreams, plans, possibilities with detailed explanations

Related Language Functions

- *Express hopes*
- *Express intentions*
- *Express needs/want*
- *Express wishes*

- *Formulate*
- *Hypothesize*
- *Make appointments, arrangements*

- *reservations*
- *Make recommendations*
- *Plan*
- *Predict*

- *Promise*
- *Speculate on the future*
- *Talk about the future*