



**novice  
low**

You can use a small number of repetitive words and phrases for common objects and actions. You can use some simple words to provide basic information. You can be understood only with great effort. You can understand some isolate words.



**novice  
mid**

You can use a limited number of words and phrases for common objects and actions, but they are repetitive. You can use words, phrases, and occasional sentences to provide basic information. You can be understood with difficulty by someone used to a language learner. You can understand some simple questions and statements, but you frequently need to have things repeated.



**novice  
high**

You can use familiar words and phrases on familiar tasks and topics. You can elaborate a little. You use phrases and simple sentences to provide basic information, and you are beginning to be original. You can mostly be understood by someone used to a language learner. You can understand simple questions and statements, and you sometimes need to have things repeated.



**intermediate  
low**

You use a variety of words and phrases on familiar tasks and topics, and you can elaborate a little. You can string together simple sentences to express your thoughts. You can string words together with originality, but your sentences are simple. You are understood by someone accustomed to a language learner. You can understand questions and statements, though sometimes you need to have things repeated.



**intermediate  
mid**

You use words and expressions from a wide range of topics and begin to use expanded vocabulary within a topic to give details and elaboration. You can use strings of sentences to describe or explain, and you can combine simple sentences using connector words to create original sentences. You understand real life questions and statements. You can be easily understood.

# Proficiency

is being able to  
communicate about  
things, for purposes,  
with some level of  
success.

content

function

accuracy

