

Oral Language Continuum

Date:	Teacher:				
School/Grade:			Student:		
Setting:			Student ID:		
	1-Emerging	2-Expanding	3-Expanding/Bridging	4-Bridging	5-Independent
Language Type	Provides no response, or relies on nonverbal communication	Uses social language (less specific vocabulary)	Uses academic language or sentence stems when prompted	Incorporates content vocabulary correctly with some little prompting	Uses content vocabulary correctly and independently
Structure	Responses mimic another reply	Responses are mostly simple sentences	Responses expand to use prepositional phrases	Responses include conjunctions that show relationships	Responses are varied and more complex in structure
	Relies on incomplete sentences structure	Structure is not yet standard English	Structure is approaching standard English	Structure is standard English with few lapses	Structure is standard English
Meaning	Comments are unintelligible or incoherent	Comments make basic sense but are off topic or unfocused	Comments convey some meaning and are appropriate	Comments are meaningful and appropriate	Comments are meaningful, appropriate and detailed
*Production	Uses words, short phrases or gestures to communicate	Produces basic statements, asks questions and engages in simple conversations with peers	Engages in conversations with peers on social and academic topics	Engages in conversations and initiates dialogue on a variety of academic and social topics	Produces and sustains extended interactions for specific purposes and audiences