

Listening – simplified ESOL levels descriptors

At Entry 1, the learner can:

- Understand simple questions and statements, e.g. What's your name? Please sit down.
- Listen for gist in simple listening tasks, such as short explanations.
- Follow single step instructions, e.g. Write your name here.
- Follow simple directions and respond to requests for personal information in familiar contexts, e.g. Wait over there, please. Do you have any children?
- Recognise context and predict general meaning in very simple structured situations.
- Identify some details in a face-to-face situation.
- Demonstrate understanding of some short, common words, phrases and grammatical structures.
- Indicate a need for clarification either verbally or non-verbally, e.g. Repeat please.

At Entry 2, the learner can:

- Demonstrate an understanding of a limited range of familiar topics, functions and vocabulary including narratives, explanations and instructions.
- Listen and respond appropriately in a familiar context.
- Use knowledge of simple grammatical structures to aid understanding; predict general meaning.
- Indicate a need for repetition or rephrasing for clarification, e.g. Could you repeat that please? What does that mean?

At Entry 3, the learner can:

- Clearly demonstrate understanding of a range of familiar topics and functions, which include some new vocabulary.
- Use knowledge of stress and intonation and a range of grammatical structures to aid understanding.
- Listen and respond appropriately in a range of familiar and some unfamiliar contexts
- Begin to predict meaning from context.
- Use some strategies to clarify and confirm understanding, e.g. Sorry, can you explain that again please? I see, you want me to fill in this form?
- Differentiate between fact and opinion in familiar contexts.