

Six Levels of English Language Proficiency

1 Pre-Production (The silent Period)

- In this stage the student is absorbing the new language, but not producing any. They are building their receptive vocabularies and listening skills

2 Early Production

- The student begins speaking and writing using single words or short phrases with many errors still present. Ex. "Want Water." Or "Bathroom?"

3 Speech Emergent

- The student speaks or writes in longer phrases and sentences but still relies heavily on context clues and familiar topics. The student's vocabulary increases and they begin to generalize.

4 Beginning Fluency

- Speech is fluent in social or familiar settings. New contexts and academic language are still a challenge due to gaps in the student's vocabulary.

5 Intermediate Fluency

- The student is fluent in social settings and fairly fluent in academic ones. Some gaps in vocabulary may still exist but student can demonstrate higher order thinking skills.

6 Advanced Fluency

- The student can speak and write in connected, unified paragraphs and is fluent in all contexts. The student may still have an accent and confuse idiomatic expressions but is essentially fluent and comfortable in their second language.