

Understanding EL Levels

Understanding EL levels 1 - 5
K - 12



LAS Links Levels



Level 1- Beginner (Very limited English)

Level 2- Early Intermediate

Level 3- Intermediate

Level 4- Advanced

Level 5- Fluent English Proficient

Level 1 - Beginner

Students performing at this level of English language proficiency begin to demonstrate receptive or productive English skills. They are able to respond to some simple communication tasks.

Student actions at this level:

- may be withdrawn/timid
- limited interaction with teacher
- may not readily answer questions verbally
- displays comprehension through pictures
- can answer yes/no questions
- require picture dictionaries to comprehend and communicate

Level 2 - Early Intermediate

Students performing at this level of English language proficiency respond with increasing ease to more varied communication tasks.

Student actions at this level:

- semi-withdrawn
- uses key words to communicate social concepts
- labels and writes relevant points

Level 3 - Intermediate

Students performing at this level of English language proficiency tailor the English language skills they have been taught to meet their immediate communication and learning needs. They are able to understand and be understood, and be understood in many basic social situations (while exhibiting many errors of convention) and need support in academic language.

Student actions at this level:

- carries on social conversation, but syntax and word choice are awkward
- continues to struggle with academic vocab and concepts, unless meaning is supported with visuals
- read parts of book with limited understanding

Level 4 - Advanced

Students performing at this level of English language proficiency combine the elements of the English language in complex, cognitively demanding situations and are able to use English as a means for learning in other academic areas, although some minor errors of conventions are still evident.

Student Actions at this Level:

- communicate effectively in English across various academic domains, while minimal errors still occur
- more fluently express comprehension and reasoning
- drafts and edits assignments
- can express opinions and justifications
- predict the outcomes of events

Level 5 - Fluent English Proficient

Students performing at this level are able to participate and excel in all classroom and social activities, requiring less frequent teacher intervention with vocabulary and directional assistance. Student should be able to read at near grade level with the help of a dictionary, but writing skills may require more teacher support. This student can function adequately at grade level and often does extremely well because of a high motivation level.

Students at this level can:

- communicate proficiently in English
- communicate with various audiences on a variety of topics
- display academic achievement comparable to native English speaking peers
- require limited further linguistic enhancement and refinement

Indiana DOE Resources

For EL Level Resources from the IN DOE
click below:

www.doe.in.gov/sites/default/files/english-learners/english-proficiency-levels_0.pdf

Types of Language Instruction Educational
Programs: click [here](#)

Learning Resources

1. Connecting with EL Learners.

Click [here](#) to read article.

2. Informative EL webcasts; preschool through high school

Click here: [Colorin Colorado webcasts](#)

3. Understanding EL Levels:

[Understanding EL Levels](#)

4. 50 Essential Resources for ESL

[50 Resources](#)