

# WIDA Performance Definitions - Listening and Reading Grades K–12

Within sociocultural contexts for processing language...

	Discourse Dimension	Sentence Dimension	Word/Phrase Dimension
	Linguistic Complexity	Language Forms and Conventions	Vocabulary Usage
<b>Level 6 - Reaching</b>			
English language learners will process a range of grade-appropriate oral or written language for a variety of academic purposes and audiences. Automaticity in language processing is reflected in the ability to identify and act on significant information from a variety of genres and registers. English language learners' strategic competence in processing academic language facilitates their access to content area concepts and ideas.			
At each grade, toward the end of a given level of English language proficiency, and with instructional support, English language learners will process...			
<b>Level 5 Bridging</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Rich descriptive discourse with complex sentences</li> <li>Cohesive and organized, related ideas across content areas</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>A variety of complex grammatical structures</li> <li>Sentence patterns characteristic of particular content areas</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Technical and abstract content-area language</li> <li>Words and expressions with shades of meaning across content areas</li> </ul>
<b>Level 4 Expanding</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Connected discourse with a variety of sentences</li> <li>Expanded related ideas characteristic of particular content areas</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Complex grammatical structures</li> <li>A broad range of sentence patterns characteristic of particular content areas</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Specific and some technical content-area language</li> <li>Words or expressions with multiple meanings across content areas</li> </ul>
<b>Level 3 Developing</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Discourse with a series of extended sentences</li> <li>Related ideas specific to particular content areas</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Compound and some complex grammatical constructions</li> <li>Sentence patterns across content areas</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Specific content-area language and expressions</li> <li>Words and expressions with common collocations and idioms across content areas</li> </ul>
<b>Level 2 Emerging</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Multiple related simple sentences</li> <li>An idea with details</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Compound grammatical structures</li> <li>Repetitive phrasal and sentence patterns across content areas</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>General content words and expressions, including cognates</li> <li>Social and instructional words and expressions across content areas</li> </ul>
<b>Level 1 Entering</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Single statements or questions</li> <li>An idea within words, phrases, or chunks of language</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Simple grammatical constructions (e.g., commands, Wh- questions, declaratives)</li> <li>Common social and instructional forms and patterns</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>General content-related words</li> <li>Everyday social, instructional and some content-related words and phrases</li> </ul>