## STAGES OF LANGUAGE PROFICIENCY

	PRE-PRODUCTION	EARLY PRODUCTION	SPEECH EMERGENCE	INTERMEDIATE FLUENCY
DESCRIPTIONS	The silent period – at time for receptive language acquisition lasting an average of ten hours to three months of interaction (will vary with individual). In addition, students develop listening skills. It is not necessary for the student to speak. Students should never be forced to speak.	Period of limited production, progress will vary, lasting an average of six months to two years of instruction.	Period of expanded production, progress will vary. Error corrections should be limited to modeling and expansion of student's language. This period may last from two to four years.	Period of continued vocabulary expansion to develop higher levels of language use in content areas. Reading and writing activities are incorporated into lessons.
CHARACTERISTICS OF THE STUDENT	Non-English speaker     May include student who has some understanding but is too shy to speak.	Has limited understanding     Can speak one or two-word     phrases	Understanding has become expanded.     Less hesitation to speak	Understanding has expanded beyond communicative competence     Has attained high levels of CALP in primary language     Limited or no hesitancy to speak
VOCABULARY GOAL	500 words (receptive)	1,000 words receptive (10% production)	2,000 words receptive (10 production)	
GOALS FOR THE STUDENT	To develop listening comprehension skills     To build a receptive vocabulary	To put words together into simple sentences     To carry on meaningful dialogues	To put words together into simple sentences     To carry on meaningful dialogues	To continue to expand their receptive and expressive skills     To produce connected oral, and written narratives
NATURAL PROGRESSION		Yes or No responses     One-word sentences     Name words in list     Short phrases     Simple sentences	<ol> <li>Speech production becomes longer, more complex</li> <li>Long phrases; complete sentences</li> <li>More extensive vocabulary</li> <li>Corrections level improves</li> <li>Open dialogue</li> <li>Extended discourse</li> <li>Narrative</li> </ol>	Are able to produce fluent speech (connected narrative)     Can conduct casual conversations     Can participate in academic and problem-solving discussions     May debate     Can conduct reviews     Extensive dialogues in communicative situations

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TEACHER ACTIVITIES	<ol> <li>Seeks to develop listening comprehension</li> <li>Seeks to build receptive vocabulary</li> <li>Provides opportunities to listen</li> <li>Uses visual aids</li> <li>Speaks more slowly to facilitate comprehension</li> <li>Emphasizes and reiterates key words</li> <li>Uses gestures</li> <li>Acts out scenes whenever possible</li> <li>Does not force production</li> </ol>	Seeks to build receptive vocabulary     Seeks to develop active vocabulary     Structures questions that require responses appropriate to early production students     Allows for mistakes in pronunciation, form grammar and word usage	Seeks to develop receptive and active vocabulary     Seeks to develop higher level thinking skills     Seeks to develop and extend verbal expression     Structures questions that require responses appropriate to speech emergent students     Provides situations that will encourage speech production that is longer and more complex	<ol> <li>Develops a skill in following a lecture</li> <li>Selects higher thinking skills on which to focus</li> <li>Provides extensive practice</li> </ol>
STUDENT ACTIVITIES	<ol> <li>Performs an action</li> <li>Points to an item in picture</li> <li>Manipulates items to demonstrate understanding</li> <li>Imitates</li> <li>Nod</li> <li>Writes a letter (a,b.c) corresponding to a picture</li> <li>Says yes or no</li> <li>Says name of other students</li> </ol>	<ol> <li>Gives yes or no answers</li> <li>Gives one-word answers to "either-or" questions</li> <li>Gives one-word answers to general questions</li> <li>Gives list of words</li> <li>Uses two-word strings</li> <li>Uses global expressions</li> </ol>	<ol> <li>Uses three-word strings</li> <li>Uses short phrases</li> <li>Uses longer phrases</li> <li>Uses complete sentences</li> <li>Participates in dialogues</li> <li>Engages in simple storytelling</li> </ol>	<ol> <li>Engages in extended discourse</li> <li>Uses narrative form</li> <li>Retells story</li> <li>Writes stories</li> <li>Uses complex statements</li> <li>States opinion</li> <li>Reports on events</li> <li>Gives instructions</li> </ol>

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NATURAL APPROACH AND TPR ACTIVITIES	<ol> <li>Development of vocabulary using pictures</li> <li>Games requiring non-verbal responses</li> <li>Physical activities</li> <li>Following directions in art, music, crafts, etc.</li> </ol>	<ol> <li>Charades</li> <li>Pictures</li> <li>Role-playing</li> <li>Open-ended sentences</li> <li>Open dialogues</li> <li>Interviews with guidelines</li> <li>Recites short poems</li> <li>Sings songs</li> </ol>	<ol> <li>Charts</li> <li>Tables</li> <li>Graphs</li> <li>Newspaper ads</li> <li>Group discussions</li> <li>Skits</li> <li>Preferences ranking</li> <li>Games</li> <li>Close activities with songs, radio, TV</li> <li>Filmstrips</li> <li>Filling out forms</li> <li>Descriptions of visuals</li> </ol>	<ol> <li>Paraphrasing</li> <li>Negotiating meaning</li> <li>Defending</li> <li>Oral-discussions</li> <li>Guided discourses</li> <li>Group panels</li> <li>Assumptions</li> <li>Conjecture</li> <li>Predictions</li> </ol>
LITERATURE	Introduce literacy skills in native language.	Continue developing literacy skills in native language.	1. Should follow ESL oral activities for students with well-developed primary language literacy skills. In general will not occur at K-2.  2. Second – language literacy probably will be delayed for students lacking primary language literacy skills.  a. Need time to acquire English  b. Lack primary language Skills to facilitate transfer	Should follow ESL oral activities for students with developed primary literacy skills     Introduction into second-language literacy.