

## Proficiency Descriptions by TrueNorth Score

TrueNorth Score	Description
< 1	Individuals at this level can only handle simple greetings and may know a handful of other words.
1 - 1.9	Individuals at this level can communicate only on the most basic topics using a small variety of memorized words and phrases.
2 - 2.9	Individuals at this level can communicate and exchange information about familiar topics using phrases and simple sentences. They can usually handle short social interactions in everyday situations by asking and answering simple questions.
3 - 3.9	Individuals at this level can participate in conversations on a number of familiar topics using simple sentences. They can handle short social interactions in everyday situations by asking and answering simple questions.
4 - 4.9	Individuals at this level can handle conversations on a number of familiar and predictable topics revolving around social situations and exchanging information relevant to their everyday life.
5 - 5.9	Individuals at this level can participate in conversations on familiar topics in everyday situations by asking and answering a variety of questions. Occasionally they can talk about events and experiences in various time frames and handle situations that go beyond everyday life.
6 - 6.9	Individuals at this level can participate in conversations on familiar topics in everyday situations by asking and answering a variety of questions. They can usually talk about events and experiences in various time frames. They can usually handle social interactions when there is an unexpected complication.

7 - 7.9	Individuals at this level can participate in conversations about familiar topics that go beyond everyday life, including some academic and professional topics. They can handle a familiar situation with an unexpected complication. They can talk in detail and in an organized way about events and experiences in various time frames.
8 - 8.9	Individuals at this level can express themselves freely and spontaneously, and for the most part accurately, on concrete topics and on most complex issues. They can usually support their opinion and develop hypotheses on topics of particular interest or personal expertise.
9 - 10	Individuals at this level can communicate with ease, accuracy, and fluency. They can participate fully and effectively in discussions on a variety of topics in formal and informal settings. They can discuss at length complex issues by structuring arguments and developing hypotheses.

