

# Speaking Rubric

This rubric uses four 5-point scales (20 total points). Select some or all of the topics for assessment purposes. For example, vocabulary may be deleted or combined with another category.

<u><i>Pronunciation</i></u>	<u><i>Fluency</i></u>
<p>5 Phonetically correct Almost error-free Awareness of accent Genuine effort to sound like native speaker</p> <p>4 Comprehensible, generally correct Occasional error</p> <p>3 Frequent errors that confuse listener and require guessing at meaning</p> <p>2 Many errors that interfere with comprehensibility</p> <p>1 Most utterances contain errors Many utterances are incomprehensible Little communication</p> <p>0 No attempt</p>	<p>5 Smooth flow Quick, continuous flow Natural pauses</p> <p>4 Occasional hesitation, searching for words Speaker can self-correct and respond to cues</p> <p>3 Halting, hesitating Visibly translating before responding Can rephrase and respond</p> <p>2 Frequent hesitations, searches for words Overly translates questions before response Repeats question word before response Eventually responds</p> <p>1 Constant searching for vocabulary, verb tense Does not complete utterances</p> <p>0 No attempt May repeat cue</p>
<u><i>Syntax</i></u>	<u><i>Vocabulary</i></u>
<p>5 No grammatical errors Speaker self-corrects without hesitation</p> <p>4 Two or fewer syntax errors Minor errors that do not impede communication</p> <p>3 Frequent errors Self-corrects on some</p> <p>2 Many errors (agreement, verb forms) Errors in basic structures Errors impede communication</p> <p>1 Most structures incorrect Constant use of infinitive; no conjugation Listener understands only because of past experience</p> <p>0 No attempt or repeats cue</p>	<p>5 Very good; wide range Uses appropriate and new words and expressions Interesting response</p> <p>4 Good, appropriate vocabulary Generally good response</p> <p>3 Vocabulary is just adequate to respond No attempt to vary expressions Basic</p> <p>2 Inadequate vocabulary or incorrect use of lexical items Communication difficult</p> <p>1 Does not complete responses Responses one or two words in length Vocabulary repeated</p> <p>0 No attempt Totally irrelevant answer</p>