ELPA21 Achievement Level Descriptors (ALDs)

Grade 1

Reading	Reading	Reading	Reading	Reading
Level 1 Beginning	Level 2 Early Intermediate	Level 3 Intermediate	Level 4 Early Advanced	Level 5 Advanced
Score Range: 478 or below	Score Range: 479-514	Score Range: 515-583	Score Range: 584-628	Score Range: 629 or above
When reading grade-	When reading grade-	When reading grade-appropriate	When reading grade-	When reading grade-appropriate text, the
appropriate text, the	appropriate text, the student at	text, the student at Level 3 is	appropriate text, the student at	student at Level 5 is working on:
student at Level 1 is	Level 2 is working on:	working on:	Level 4 is working on:	
working on:				
determining the meaning of	identifying key words and phrases	identifying key words, phrases, and	identifying main topics in texts and	identifying main topics in texts and read-
words and phrases in read-	in read-alouds of texts and	main topics in texts and dialogues;	read-alouds; asking and answering	alouds; asking and answering questions about
alouds of texts and dialogues;	dialogues; responding to simple	responding to simple questions about	questions about key details in	key details in texts and read-alouds; retelling
responding to simple yes/no	yes/no and wh- questions about	key details; retelling some	written texts and read-alouds;	key points of stories and information;
and wh- questions about	familiar topics; identify a reason an	information, details or events;	retelling stories and information;	identifying reasons an author gives to support
familiar topics; identifying	author gives to support the main	identifying reasons an author gives to	identifying reasons an author gives	a main point; summarizing information from
main topic in read-aloud	point; determining the meaning of	support a main point; answering	to support a main point; answering	provided sources; answering questions on a
sentence; recognizing the	frequently occurring words and	questions to help determine the	questions about a variety of topics	variety of topics to determine or clarify the
meaning of some frequently	phrases in read-alouds.	meaning of some less frequently	to determine the meaning of words,	meaning of words, phrases, and idiomatic
occurring words in read-		occurring words and phrases.	phrases, and simple idiomatic	expressions.
alouds.			expressions.	

Writing	Writing	Writing	Writing	Writing
Level 1 Beginning	Level 2 Early Intermediate	Level 3 Intermediate	Level 4 Early Advanced	Level 5 Advanced
Score Range: 497 or below	Score Range: 498-547	Score Range: 548-612	Score Range: 613-640	Score Range: 641 or above
When writing, the student	When writing, the student at	When writing, the student at Level	When writing, the student at	When writing, the student at Level 5 is
at Level 1 is working on:	Level 2 is working on:	3 is working on:	Level 4 is working on:	working on:
responding to simple yes/no	responding to simple yes/no and	participating in short written	participating in written exchanges	participating in extended written exchanges of
and wh- questions about	wh- questions about familiar topics;	exchanges; asking and answering	about a variety of texts and topics;	information; composing written texts about a
familiar topics; creating words	communicating simple messages	simple questions and composing short	composing written texts about a	variety of topics; expressing opinions about a
by filling in a missing letter	about familiar topics or objects;	written text about familiar topics;	variety of topics; answering	variety of topics; recounting a more complex
with or without a provided	expressing an opinion about a	expressing an opinion about a familiar	questions expressing opinions	sequence of events; producing and expanding
example; using a small	familiar topic; retelling an event and	topic and giving a reason; retelling a	about a variety of topics; recounting	simple and some compound sentences.
number of frequently	presenting simple information using	simple sequence of events and	multiple events in sequence and	
occurring nouns and verbs	some frequently occurring linking	presenting simple information;	presenting simple information	
when writing.	words; producing simple sentences	producing and expanding simple	about a topic; producing and	
	using frequently occurring nouns,	sentences.	expanding simple and some	
	verbs, prepositions, and		compound sentences.	
	conjunctions.			

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Listening	Listening	Listening	Listening	Listening
Level 1 Beginning	Level 2 Early Intermediate	Level 3 Intermediate	Level 4 Early Advanced	Level 5 Advanced
Score Range: 434 or below	Score Range: 435-466	Score Range: 467-548	Score Range: 549-593	Score Range: 594 or above
When listening, the	When listening, the student at	When listening, the student at	When listening, the student at	When listening, the student at Level 5 is
student at Level 1 is	Level 2 is working on:	Level 3 is working on:	Level 4 is working on:	working on:
working on:				
identifying the main topic in oral presentations; determining meaning of words and phrases; participating in conversations and discussions.	identifying key words and phrases in oral presentations of texts; participating in short conversations about familiar topics and responding to simple questions and wh- questions; gathering information and identifying summaries of information from oral sources; identifying a reason a speaker gives to support a point; determining the meaning of frequently occurring words and phrases.	identifying the main topics and answer questions about some key details in oral presentations of texts; participating in short conversations and discussions on familiar topics and answering simple questions; gathering and summarizing information from oral sources; identifying one or two reasons a speaker gives to support a main point.	identifying the main topics, answering questions about an increasing number of key details in oral presentations of literary and informational texts; participating in conversations and discussions on a variety of topics; gathering, summarizing, and answering questions about information from oral sources; identifying reasons a speaker gives to support the main point.	identifying main topics and key details in oral presentations of literary and informational texts; participating in extended conversations and discussions and answering questions on a variety of topics and texts; gathering, summarizing, and answering questions about information from oral sources; identifying reasons a speaker gives to support the main point.

Speaking	Speaking	Speaking	Speaking	Speaking
Level 1 Beginning	Level 2 Early Intermediate	Level 3 Intermediate	Level 4 Early Advanced	Level 5 Advanced
Score Range: 527 or below	Score Range: 528-576	Score Range: 577-592	Score Range: 593-618	Score Range: 619 or above
When speaking, the	When speaking, the student at	When speaking, the student at	When speaking, the student at	When speaking, the student at Level 5 is
student at Level 1 is	Level 2 is working on:	Level 3 is working on:	Level 4 is working on:	working on:
working on:				
responding to short conversations and questions; describing objects using frequently occurring nouns and verbs; communicating simple information about a topic; expressing an opinion.	participating in short conversations; responding to simple yes/no and wh- questions about familiar topics; communicating simple messages about familiar topics; expressing an opinion about a familiar topic; summarizing some key information from sources; retelling an event and present simple information using some frequently occurring linking words; producing simple sentences.	participating in short discussions and conversations; asking and answering simple questions about familiar topics; delivering short simple oral presentations about familiar topics; expressing an opinion about a familiar topic and giving a reason; summarizing information from sources; retelling a simple sequence of events and presenting simple information.	participating in discussions and conversations; delivering short simple oral presentations about a variety of topics; expressing opinions about a variety of topics; summarizing information and answering questions from provided sources; recounting multiple events in sequence and presenting simple information about a topic; producing and expanding simple and some compound sentences.	participating in extended discussions and conversations; delivering oral presentations with a few descriptive details about a variety of topics; expressing opinions about a variety of topics; summarizing information and answering questions from sources; recounting a more complex sequence of events and providing some facts; producing and expanding simple and compound sentences.