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#### **Level 1 Indicator**

- Silent up to 6 months
- Up to 500 in ss receptive vocab
- Ss are parroting
- Able to respond to pictures or visuals
- Understand and duplicate gestures
- Show limited control of English when participating in grade-appropriate classroom activities
- Convey simple information, using simply constructed phrases and sentences with a limited range of vocabulary
- Students are beginners and have little or no understanding of or experience with English

### **Domain: Listening**

Descriptors	Accommodations	Strategies
- Can follow one- step directions - Visual cues and modeling - Respond in non-verbal manner - Observe peers - Difficulty comprehending - Have hard time distinguishing between ship and sheep - Segment speech into syllables - Can connect single words to objects, people, and places	- Buddy - Wait time - Hands on activities - Use gestures and facial expressions - Focus on listening - Comprehension activities, Language exposure (posters) - TPR - Repetition - Pre-teach names	Strategies  - Four corners  - Songs  - Simon Says  - Listen and Sketch  - Teach discourse markers like first, Moreover Stand when you hear (plural s, your, down)

### **Level 1 Reading**

Descriptors	Accommodations	Strategies
- Can match	- Record the	- Cognates
symbols in	text and allow	- Cloze, fill
drawings or	students to	in the blank
pictures,	follow along	- Direct
labeled objects,	with the text	Reading and
words and	- Pre-highlight	Thinking
pictures	text	activity
- Recognize	- Point to	(DRTA)
sound/letter	cognates	- Word Sort
relationships	- Use outlines	- Value Line
- Read text	and graphic	up (ie:
word-by-word	organizers	Words in a
- Use	- Use hands-on	sentence,
dictionaries	activities to	timeline)
- Rely on visual	reinforce	
support to	comprehension	
comprehend	- Allow time to	
a limited range	process	
of simple	- Chunk text	
vocabulary	- Provide	
including: very	study and	
frequently	reading	
occurring words	guides	
and phrases	- Read	
(frequently	assignment and	
occurring	test questions	
pronouns)	aloud to	
	students	

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## **Level 1 Speaking**

Descriptors	Accommodations	Strategies
- Can repeat	- Repeat	- Realia and
individual	- Use simple and	TPR
words, identify	high frequency	- Find some-
people or	words	one who
classroom	- Record reading	- Two-Way
objects	- Provide	Tasks
- Express	response choices	- Something
simple	and sentence	in Common
information	frames	- Observation
about an event,	- Model	charts
experience,	- Use posters,	- Readers'
and/or topic	labels	Theater
- Speak in short	- Encourage	- Teach
sentences	to repeat and	cognates
composed of	paraphrase	- Teach
simple or	- Respond	intonation
predictable	physically	- Arrange
phrases or		pictures in a
sentences		sequence
- Use limited		- Numbered
(i.e., initial)		Heads
cohesion		Together
among		- Wood
sentence		Freeze
structures		(Hot Potato)
- Revert to L1		
- Respond to		
yes/no		
questions		
nonverbal		
communication		

### **Level 1 Writing**

Descriptors	Accommodations	Strategies
- Can draw and	- Focus on small	- Journals
label pictures	number of	- Listen and
- Can produce	writing skills	Sketch
vocabulary	- Model writing	- Venn Diagram
cards	and provide	- Word Bank
- Can produce	samples	and Cloze
high-frequency	- Allow graphic	Procedure
words	organizers for	- Add to the
- Write 1-2 word	pre-writing	Walls
responses	- Allow time for	- Observation
- No	peer editing and	Chart
conventions	guided revising	- Give One-Get
- Label and	- Five students	One
Сору	writing format	
- Make lists	- Allow copying,	
- Use sketching	labeling, or	
to express ideas	listing	
- Write in	- Allow native	
simple	language or	
sentences	drawing to	
including: verb	express	
tenses such as	understanding	
present, present	- Explicitly teach	
progressive,	mechanics and	
simple future	conventions	
(going to),		
simple past		
modifiers such		
as adjectives,		
adverbs simple		
grammatical		
constructions		
(e.g. commands,		
some wh		
questions,		
declaratives)		
common social		
and		
instructional		
patterns or form		