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ORAL LANGUAGE MATRIX

Student Name:	Date:		
Level:		_	

Em	erging	Beginning	Developing	Expanding	Proficient
•	Understanding is very limited and may range from no apparent comprehension to comprehending short phrases or key words	 Often has difficulty following what is said, even when spoken slowly. Is hesitant in everyday conversation & discussion 	Usually understands & engages in a social conversation with peers Begins to participate in classroom discussion	understands & engages in most social conversation & classroom discussion	understands & participates in social conversation & classroom discussion
•	speaks in isolated words and phrases	understands & uses simple, concrete words, phrases & sentences	uses varied vocabulary & sentence structure	 requires support with idioms, complex sentence structure & figurative language 	understands many colloquial & idiomatic expressions
•	is often silent	 is often forced into silence due to language limitations requires extended wait time prior to responding to questions 	 requires less wait time prior to responding to questions 		
		needs extensive support with content language	needs much support with content language	needs some support with content language	needs minimal support with content language
•	frequently repeats & uses body language in order to be understood		uses & requires frequent repetition or rephrasing of new material	 elicits information & asks for clarification articulates interests, preferences or opinions 	uses language for a wide variety of purposes
			begins to self correct	• self corrects more effectively	
•	may not be able to pronounce many English sounds	pronunciation may interfere with comprehension	pronunciation, grammar &/or word omission errors occasionally interfere with comprehension	pronunciation, grammar &/or word omission errors rarely interfere with comprehension	pronunciation, grammar &/or word omission errors do not interfere with comprehension