

Progress over 4 stages in the core skills

(listening, speaking, reading and writing in a primary foreign language)

Core skills of learning				
	Listening	Speaking	Reading	Writing
Stage 1	Can understand a few familiar spoken words and phrases.	Can say/repeat a few words and short simple phrases and would be understood by a sympathetic native speaker.	Can recognise and read out a few familiar words and phrases.	Can write or copy a few simple words or symbols as an emergent writer of the target language.
Stage 2	Can understand a range of familiar spoken phrases and is able to listen for specific words and phrases.	Can ask and answer simple questions and give basic information . Can pronounce familiar words and some new words accurately.	Can understand simple written phrases . Can match sounds to familiar written words.	Can spell some familiar written words and phrases accurately and write simple sentences with limited mistakes so that the message is understood.
Stage 3	Can understand the main points from a series of spoken sentences (including questions.) May require some repetition.	Can ask and answer simple questions on several topics and can express opinions . Can take part in brief pre-prepared tasks such as short presentations and role plays.	Can understand the main point(s) from a short, written passage in clear printed script . Can use bilingual dictionaries independently. Can apply phonic knowledge to find, understand and/or produce spoken and written words.	Can write two or three short sentences as a personal response , using reference materials / with support. Attempts to use accurately nouns and adjectives and shows awareness of the use of and conjugation of some commonly used and regular verbs in the present tense.
Stage 4	Can understand the main points and some detail from a short, spoken passage with comprising of familiar language.	Can take part in a simple conversation and can express simple opinions . Generally accurate pronunciation (to a sympathetic native speaker).	Can understand the main points and simple opinions of a longer written passage (e.g. letter, recipe, poem, story, an account) . Can use a bilingual dictionary to access unfamiliar language.	Can write a short text attempting to use accurately nouns, adjectives and some commonly used and regular verbs in the present tense on a familiar topic using reference materials, support if necessary.

