

## HOLISTIC SCORING GUIDE for ORAL COMMUNICATION

Scale point	Content
<b>6</b>	<p>Message is clear and well-developed with relevant and appropriate details</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Uses language fluently, accurately, and effectively on topic provided</li> <li>• Uses precise vocabulary and intonation to express meaning showing fluency and ease of speech (language flows easily)</li> <li>• Attempts complex structures and language to make meaning precise</li> <li>• Controls grammar well; errors virtually never interfere with communication</li> </ul>
<b>5</b>	<p>Message is mainly clear and well-developed with relevant and appropriate details.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Uses language fluently, accurately, and effectively on topic provided</li> <li>• Uses precise vocabulary and intonation to express meaning; hesitations do not interfere with fluency and ease of speech</li> <li>• May attempt complex structures and language to make meaning precise</li> <li>• Controls grammar well; errors seldom interfere with understanding</li> </ul>
<b>4</b>	<p>Message is understandable; includes some detail.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Uses language accurately and effectively overall, on topic provided</li> <li>• May use appropriate vocabulary and intonation to express meaning; hesitations may interfere with fluency and ease of speech</li> <li>• Uses basic structures and language overall</li> <li>• May include errors in word choice, idiom, tense, and structure that weaken but do not prevent communication</li> </ul>
<b>3</b>	<p>Message may be unclear, incomplete, and punctuated by hesitation.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Uses language in a very basic manner on topic provided</li> <li>• May use appropriate vocabulary and intonation to express meaning</li> <li>• Uses simple basic structures and language; repetitive; but sustains use of Spanish</li> <li>• Errors in word choice, idiom, tense, and structure disrupt communication</li> </ul>
<b>2</b>	<p>Message is unclear, incomplete, and punctuated by hesitation.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Uses language in a very basic manner; may speak infrequently and briefly</li> <li>• Seldom uses appropriate vocabulary and intonation to express meaning</li> <li>• Uses simple structures and often repeats simple patterns; may use English words and phrases</li> <li>• Errors prevent communication</li> </ul>
<b>1</b>	<p>Message is unclear, incomplete, inappropriate, or too short to evaluate.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Little Spanish is used and virtually no understanding of basics is demonstrated</li> </ul>
<b>0</b>	<p>No answer is given or answer is completely incorrect.</p>