

HOLISTIC SCORING GUIDE for ORAL COMMUNICATION

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