

## Definition of Language Proficiency

<p>Level 5 Native or bilingual proficiency</p>	<p><b>Has a speaking proficiency equivalent to that of an educated native speaker</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Has complete fluency in the language, such that speech on all levels is fully accepted by educated native speakers in all of its features</li> </ul>
<p>Level 4 Full professional proficiency</p>	<p><b>Able to use the language fluently and accurately on all levels</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Can understand and participate in any conversations with a high degree of fluency</li> <li>• Makes only quite rare and minor errors in pronunciation and grammar</li> </ul>
<p>Level 3 Professional working proficiency</p>	<p><b>Able to speak the language with sufficient structural accuracy and vocabulary to participate effectively in most conversations on practical, social, and professional topics</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Has general vocabulary which is broad enough that he or she rarely has to search for a word; has good control of grammar and comprehension of other's speech</li> <li>• Has an accent which may be obviously foreign but easily understood by native speaker</li> </ul>
<p>Level 2 Limited working proficiency</p>	<p><b>Able to satisfy routine social demands and limited work requirements</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Can handle with confidence most basic social situations</li> <li>• Can handle limited work requirements</li> <li>• Can usually handle elementary constructions quite accurately but does not have thorough or confident control of the grammar</li> </ul>
<p>Level 1 Elementary proficiency</p>	<p><b>Can fulfill traveling needs and conduct themselves in a polite manner</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Able to use questions and answers for simple topics within a limited level of experience</li> <li>• Able to understand basic questions and speech, which allows for guides, such as slower speech or repetition, to aid understanding</li> <li>• Has a vocabulary only large enough to communicate the most basic of needs</li> </ul>
<p>Level 0 No proficiency</p>	<p><b>Oral production limited to occasional, isolated words</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• May be able to ask questions or make statements with reasonable accuracy</li> <li>• Unable to read connected prose but may be able to read numbers, isolated words and phrases, personal and place names.</li> </ul>

\*Source: "ILR scale." *Wikipedia, The Free Encyclopedia*. Wikipedia, The Free Encyclopedia, 4 Dec. 2017. Web.