Community Adult Literacy Benchmarks: Oral Communication - Comprehend

	LEVEL 1	LEVEL 2	LEVEL 3	LEVEL 4
Comprehend	-understand a variety of commonly used words	-understand some idioms and more developed vocabulary	-understand many idioms and relevant specialized vocabulary	-understand complex vocabulary, figurative language and specialized vocabulary
	-recognize the importance of active listening	-draw conclusions	-listen and evaluate information	-identify assumptions in oral communications
	-listen to and retell simple information	-retell information that contains some detail	-listen and identify main idea; list key points	-synthesize information



Community Adult Literacy Benchmarks: Oral Communication - Generate

	LEVEL 1	LEVEL 2	LEVEL 3	LEVEL 4
Generate	-show awareness that spoken language serves different purposes, audiences, and contexts	-understand how spoken language serves different purposes, audiences, and contexts	-understand how purpose and audience affect the way that information is selected and organized	-understand how purpose and audience affect choice of delivery (e.g., dialogue, speech, personal story, PowerPoint)
	-provide basic personal information	-ask for information in a group setting or from another person	-communicate to persuade in one-to-one or group settings	-communicate to advocate for self, family, and friends in one-to-one and group settings
	-listen and respond in a familiar setting with a familiar audience (e.g., in a class, with family, or with a tutor)	-listen, respond and provide information in a less familiar setting, (e.g., at the bank or the grocery store)	-listen, respond, and provide information in some unfamiliar situations and unpredictable contexts (e.g., at a child's school)	-communicate clearly in unfamiliar and/or unpredictable situations
	-use familiar vocabulary	-use familiar vocabulary, basic grammar, some idioms	-use specialized vocabulary for specific contexts (e.g., for work or in specific community settings)	-use precise and some figurative language, complex grammatical forms
	-show awareness of basic oral communication conventions. (e.g., volume, tone, facial expressions, body language)	-use appropriate volume, tone, pace, and eye contact (unless it is not culturally appropriate to do so)	→	-use appropriate speaking techniques. (e.g., example, effective volume, pitch, tone and gestures)



Community Adult Literacy Benchmarks: Oral Communication - Interact

LEVEL 1	LEVEL 2	LEVEL 3	LEVEL 4
-understand that communication is a two- way process	-listen to another person's point of view	-show awareness of diversity (gender, social, cultural differences) and its effect on communication	-analyze the effects of diversity on communication
		-recognize own biases and values	
-participate by observing and listening in a class, other familiar group setting, or with another person	-show increased participation in a group or one to one situations, sometimes asking questions and offering opinions or suggestions	-encourage and assist others to participate in a group, engage in extended conversation with another familiar person, provide opinions and suggestions	-actively engage in and facilitate group discussion or conversations with one or two others
-open and close conversations	-allow others to speak and wait for own turn to speak	-encourage others to speak and take on challenges	-negotiate with others to resolve conflicts and reach agreement
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Community Adult Literacy Benchmarks: Oral Communication - Monitor

	LEVEL 1	LEVEL 2	LEVEL 3	LEVEL 4
Monitor	-alert to problems in communication and respond appropriately (e.g., ask speaker to repeat information)	-ask questions to clarify meaning	-paraphrase to clarify meaning	-use advanced paraphrasing and questioning to clarify meaning

