Figure 5M: CAN DO Descriptors for the Levels of English Language Proficiency, PreK-12

| | Level 1 Entering | Level 2 Beginning | Level 3 Developing | Level 4 Expanding | Level 5 Bridging | |
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| LISTENING | Point to stated pictures, words, phrases Follow one-step oral directions Match oral statements to objects, figures or illustrations | Sort pictures, objects according to oral instructions Follow two-step oral directions Match information from oral descriptions to objects, illustrations | Locate, select, order information from oral descriptions Follow multi-step oral directions Categorize or sequence oral information using pictures, objects | Compare/contrast functions, relationships from oral information Analyze and apply oral information Identify cause and effect from oral discourse | Draw conclusions from oral information Construct models based on oral discourse Make connections from oral discourse | |
| SPEAKING | Name objects, people, pictures Answer WH- (who, what, when, where, which) questions | Ask WH- questions Describe pictures, events, objects, people Restate facts | Formulate hypotheses, make predictions Describe processes, procedures Retell stories or events | Discuss stories, issues, concepts Give speeches, oral reports Offer creative solutions to issues, problems | Engage in debates Explain phenomena, give examples and justify responses Express and defend points of view | Level 6 Reaching |
| READING | Match icons and symbols to words, phrases or environmental print Identify concepts about print and text features | Locate and classify information Identify facts and explicit messages Select language patterns associated with facts | Sequence pictures, events, processes Identify main ideas Use context clues to determine meaning of words | Interpret information or data Find details that support main ideas Identify word families, figures of speech | Conduct research to glean information from multiple sources Draw conclusions from explicit and implicit text | hing |
| WRITING | Label objects, pictures, diagrams Draw in response to a prompt Produce icons, symbols, words, phrases to convey messages | Make lists Produce drawings, phrases, short sentences, notes Give information requested from oral or written directions | Produce bare-bones expository or narrative texts Compare/contrast information Describe events, people, processes, procedures | Summarize information from graphics or notes Edit and revise writing Create original ideas or detailed responses | Apply information to new contexts React to multiple genres and discourses Author multiple forms/ genres of writing | |

For the given level of English language proficiency, with support, English language learners can:

Variability of students' cognitive development due to age, grade level spans, their diversity of educational experiences and diagnosed learning disabilities (if applicable), are to be considered in using this information.