

Preproduction	Early Production	Speech Emergence	Early Fluency	Fluency
Little or no comprehension	Limited comprehension	Understand social and English/ not much academic language	Fluent in conversation	Near native English Speakers
Survival English	One or two-word responses	Write Simple and complex sentences	Difficulty with academic English	Still some difficulty with academic vocabulary
Silent period	Simple vocabulary	Difficulty with content area vocabulary	Literacy skills are below native speakers	Struggle with figurative language
Learning basic conversation	Understand more than they are able to express	Grade level reading is a challenge	Completion of math and science grade level work with minimal support	
Fewer than 500 English words	Have between 500 and 1,000 English words they can use and understand	Have about 3,000 English words they use and understand	Have about 6,000 English words they can use and understand	