

Level B2 – Vantage: Speaking Mark Scheme – Assessor’s copy

| | Range and Accuracy | Fluency and Coherence | Pronunciation | Communication Strategies |
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| 5 | Wide range of grammar, lexis and cohesive devices used to complete the tasks, circumlocution only occasionally necessary. Comfortable with more complex structures and lexis although errors still occur. | Maintains a smooth flow of language with hesitation mainly to formulate ideas, not language. Links ideas into clear coherent discourse with little or no jumpiness even in extended contributions. | Although there may still be an evident foreign accent, pronunciation is natural and places little strain on the listener. The candidate often utilises features of connected speech and English intonation patterns. | Initiates maintains and ends turns. Uses repair strategies (clarification, circumlocution) where necessary. Uses appropriate register and intonation. |
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| 3 | Sufficient range of grammar, lexis and cohesive devices to adequately complete the tasks although circumlocution may be necessary. Few errors in simple sentences. Errors when attempting more complex structures and lexis do not generally hinder communication. | Some hesitation while formulating language, but can effectively maintain flow of speech. Can link ideas into clear, coherent discourse although with noticeable jumpiness in especially in extended contributions. | Pronunciation is clearly intelligible in spite of evident foreign accent and occasional mispronunciations putting some strain on the listener. | Initiates maintains and ends turns satisfactorily although not always smoothly. Evidence of ability to use repair strategies (clarification, circumlocution) although not always applied. Uses appropriate register. |
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| 1 | Range of grammar, lexis and cohesive devices insufficient to adequately complete the tasks. Repeated errors even in simple sentences. | Frequent hesitation and inability to link ideas coherently causes great strain on the listener. | Mispronunciations and inability to produce certain sounds frequently impedes communication of the message. | Generally, fails to initiate maintain and end turns satisfactorily. Does not use repair strategies (clarification, circumlocution). Uses inappropriate register. |
| 0 | Insufficient language for assessment | | | |

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| | Overall impression |
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| 5 | <p>Good ability to maintain accurate, fluent and natural conversation. Suitable range of grammar, lexis and cohesive devices to complete tasks. Some ability with complex language. Pronunciation is natural with appropriate intonation, though occasionally problematic.</p> |
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| 3 | <p>Smooth use of language. Occasional small difficulties or gaps that do not severely impede understanding. A number of errors , including slips in simple sentences. Pronunciation may place some small strain on the listener. Conversation is maintained in a generally natural and appropriate manner.</p> |
| 2 | |
| 1 | <p>Noticeable hesitation. Jumpiness. Insufficient grammar, lexis and cohesive devices to do the tasks. Frequent errors in simple sentences. Avoidance of complex structures or lexis. Significant pronunciation difficulties.</p> |
| 0 | <p>Very hard to understand. Clearly significantly below level criteria</p> |