CANADIAN LANGUAGE BENCHMARKS Level 1 How is my English?

Speaking 1

 I can greet people: Hello! How are you?

I'm fine, thank you.

- I can ask some questions:
 What time is it?
 Pardon me?
- I can give some information: M-A-R-I-A.
 555-6729.
 I'm from India.

Listening 1

- I can understand greetings: Hello! How are you? Please come in!
- I can understand questions:
 What is your name?
 How do you spell it?
 What is your telephone number?
- I can understand information:
 I am from Colombia.
 It's ten o'clock.

Reading 1

- I can read the alphabet.
- I can read some words that I see often.
- I am learning the sounds of letters.
- I can read a short sentence with the help of a picture.
- I can read:
 - Name
 - Address
 - Phone Number

Writing 1

- I can write the alphabet.
- I can write numbers.
- I can write my name and address.
- I can write my telephone number.
- I can fill out a simple form.
- I can write a short list.



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Speaking 2

- I can answer greetings: Hello, I'm fine. How are you? Nice to meet you.
- I can ask for help:
 Speak slowly, please.
 Can you help me please?
- I can give information:
 I can talk about my family.
 I can describe things.
 I can answer questions about myself.

Listening 2

- I can understand more instructions: Can you show me some ID? Please write your name on the line. Go upstairs to Room B5. Could you repeat that please?
- I can understand parts of conversations:
 I understand numbers and letters.
 I understand the time.
 I understand some of the words.

Reading 2

- I can read words that I see often.
- I can read a simple greeting card.
- I can read a simple form.
- I can read the amount of a bill.
- I can match a list to pictures or real things.
- I can read very simple, step-by-step instructions.
- I can read a simple text and answer questions.
- I understand simple maps, labels and diagrams.

Writing 2

- I can write in a birthday card.
- I can copy prices at the store.
- I can fill out a simple application form.
- I can write a cheque.
- I can copy information from a schedule.
- I can write complete sentences about myself and my family.
- I can describe a picture.
- My spelling and handwriting are easy to read.



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CANADIAN LANGUAGE BENCHMARKS Level 3 How is my English?

Speaking 3

- I can say a few simple sentences about familiar, everyday topics: my work, family, daily activities, health, the weather, etc.
- I can answer simple questions with single words or short sentences.
- I can ask for help or permission.
- I can ask short, routine questions.
- I use words like 'yesterday' and 'today', but I don't always use the correct verb tenses.
- I know a few words about health and feelings.
- I can give basic information about familiar subjects, such as family, weather or daily activities.
- I can connect parts of sentences, for example, with 'and' and 'but'.

Listening 3

- I know when a greeting is formal or informal.
- I can understand short sentences when you speak slowly.
- I can understand questions about myself.
- I can understand instructions including place and measurements.
- I can follow directions in the street.
- I can get the most important words in a story.
- I understand when a person asks me for something.
- I have trouble understanding people on the phone.

Reading 3

- I can read and understand a short story or simple news item.
- I can follow simple instructions with 1 5 steps when there are pictures to help me understand.
- I can read about the weather.
- I can understand a store flyer and make a list of key points.
- I can read words I know in a new context.
- I can sound out words in English.
- I can read some new words.

Writing 3

- I can write a short note or message.
- I can write short, simple sentences about my family or a familiar place.
- I can fill in a short, simple form.
- I can write an invitation.
- I can write a greeting.
- I can copy information from lists or schedules.
- I can describe my daily routine.



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CANADIAN LANGUAGE BENCHMARKS Level 4 How is my English?

Speaking 4

- I can introduce two people to each other.
- I can participate in conversations that are about what
- I need and what I have done.
- I can ask and answer many simple questions.
- I can use short sentences to buy something or talk to the doctor.
- I can give someone simple directions.
- I can use the past tense with many common verbs.
- I have enough vocabulary for everyday conversation.
- I use some connecting words between my sentences, like 'and', 'but', 'first', 'next', and 'because'.
- I can use the phone for a very short conversation.
- People usually understand me, but sometimes I have to repeat.

Listening 4

- I can understand a conversation on a familiar, everyday topic when you speak slowly.
- I know what you are talking about because I understand some words and phrases.
- I can understand many simple questions.
- I can follow simple oral instructions.
- I can use connecting words like 'and', 'but', 'first', 'next' and 'because'.
- I can follow instructions to find something on a map or picture.
- I can understand a short phone message if I know what the topic is.
- I ask people to repeat when I don't understand.



Reading 4

- I can read a simple story of 2 3 paragraphs.
- I can read simple news items.
- I can follow simple instructions.
- Sometimes, by looking at a whole sentence, I can find out what a new word means. However, most of the time, I use my dictionary for new words.
- I can get information from charts and schedules.
- I use a bilingual dictionary.
- I can understand if I read silently.
- I still read slowly.

Writing 4

- I can write a paragraph about a personal experience.
- I can write a paragraph about my future plans.
- I can write a short note, message or letter.
- I can fill out a simple application form of up to 20 items.
- When I write, I can use whole sentences.
- I can copy information from dictionaries, catalogues or manuals.
- I can take slow, simple dictation with several repetitions.
- I can spell and punctuate my sentences.
- It is easy to read my printing or handwriting.
- I can use whole sentences with few errors.

