

BCCAT ENGLISH LEVEL ACHIEVEMENT SCALE

Language Domain	Beginning	Intermediate	Advanced
Listening	Can identify a limited range of words and phrases drawn from familiar material and also recognize frequently used words, phrases and questions in familiar contexts.	Can demonstrate comprehension of simplified spoken English and simple conversations and also recognize spoken English containing some unfamiliar words about mostly familiar topics.	Can interpret essential points of discussions or speeches on selected topics and interpret a majority of speech from a variety of sources.
Speaking	Can demonstrate the ability to engage in very limited social conversations using familiar English words to express basic survival needs and also engage in limited social conversations to communicate basic survival needs and engage in conversations in some familiar contexts.	Can describe basic needs and relate common activities using clarification strategies when appropriate, and define, discuss some abstract topics and also demonstrate the ability to engage in conversations beyond survival needs and answer more complex comprehension questions.	Can demonstrate the ability to engage in conversations on a variety of familiar topics and make presentations on familiar academic topics and also discuss a variety of topics with increasing fluency complex grammatical patterns and understand some idiomatic expressions used in general everyday conversation in the English Language.
Reading	Can interpret simple sentences and demonstrate understanding of basic vocabulary and also construct meaning from simplified print materials on familiar topics.	Can construct meaning from simplified print materials on familiar topics and also construct meaning from class reading materials on familiar and unfamiliar topics.	Can use contextual clues to interpret meaning and draw conclusions from authentic materials on everyday subjects and can infer meaning from various types of authentic materials and understand the wider world in which they live by real-world content based reading articles.
Writing	Can produce simple sentences using a limited number of basic words and phrases and complete very simple forms and also produce simple sentences in a paragraph format and complete simple forms.	Can produce sentences to form a paragraph and complete forms requiring some details and also produce messages related sentences in a paragraph format on personal topics and complete difficult authentic forms.	Can compose paragraphs, letters, and messages and make an argument with all the aspects of academic writing and also compose descriptive, narrative, and expository paragraphs, formal and informal letters, and complete authentic forms, and also move from paragraph to an essay.