ELPA21 Achievement Level Descriptors (ALDs)

Grade: Kindergarten

Reading	Reading	Reading	Reading	Reading
Level 1 Beginning	Level 2 Early Intermediate	Level 3 Intermediate	Level 4 Early Advanced	Level 5 Advanced
Score Range: 472 or below	Score Range: 473-513	Score Range: 514-591	Score Range: 592-626	Score Range: 627 or above
When reading grade-	When reading grade-	When reading grade-appropriate	When reading grade-	When reading grade-appropriate text, the
appropriate text, the	appropriate text, the student at	text, the student at Level 3 is	appropriate text, the student at	student at Level 5 is working on:
student at Level 1 is	Level 2 is working on:	working on:	Level 4 is working on:	
working on:				
determining the meaning of	identifying key words and	identifying frequently used words	categorizing words and phrases	analyzing details from read-alouds and
words and phrases in texts	phrases from read-alouds of	and phrases; responding to	in read-alouds of texts and	dialogues on familiar and unfamiliar
and dialogues; responding	texts and dialogues; responding	questions about key details from	dialogues; answering questions	topics; analyzing information to answer
to simple yes/no and wh-	to yes/no and wh- questions;	read-alouds of texts and	about key details in a variety of	questions about key details in read-
questions; recognizing the	recognizing the meaning of	dialogues; responding to	text types; recognizing words	alouds; categorizing words; demonstrating
meanings of some	some frequently occurring and	questions about familiar topics;	and phrases in read-alouds that	comparing and contrasting skills in read-
frequently occurring words	key words in read-alouds.	answering questions to help	may have multiple meanings in	alouds; inferring meaning from words
in read-alouds.		determine the meaning of some	context.	using text and pictures; listening to and
		words and phrases in read-		following directions from a text.
		alouds.		

Writing	Writing	Writing	Writing	Writing
Level 1 Beginning	Level 2 Early Intermediate	Level 3 Intermediate	Level 4 Early Advanced	Level 5 Advanced
Score Range: 496 or below	Score Range: 497-561	Score Range: 562-650	Score Range: 651-672	Score Range: 673 or above
When writing, the student	When writing, the student at	When writing, the student at	When writing, the student at	When writing, the student at Level 5 is
at Level 1 is working on:	Level 2 is working on:	Level 3 is working on:	Level 4 is working on:	working on:
recognizing and using a	recognizing and using frequently	recognizing and using frequently	recognizing and using frequently	recognizing and using frequently occurring
small number of frequently	occurring nouns and verbs in	occurring nouns, verbs, and short	occurring regular plural nouns,	regular plural nouns, verbs, prepositions,
occurring nouns and verbs	writing; writing and completing	phrases in writing; writing and	verbs and prepositions in	and question words in writing; writing
in writing; creating words	words by filling in a missing	completing words with missing	writing; writing common grade	common words and accurate grade-level
by filling in a missing letter;	letter; expressing an opinion	letters; using question words to	level words, writing sentences	sentences; expressing an opinion or a
using a small number of	about a topic in writing and	create simple questions;	with few errors; expressing an	preference, including a reason for that
frequently occurring nouns	giving a reason for that opinion;	expressing an opinion or	opinion with a reason; creating	opinion; creating complete sentences by
and verbs in written text;	responding to simple questions	preference; creating complete	complete sentences by placing	placing words in the correct order.
responding to simple	about familiar topics	simple sentences by placing	words in the correct order.	
questions about familiar		words in the correct order.		
topics.				

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Listening	Listening	Listening	Listening	Listening
Level 1 Beginning	Level 2 Early Intermediate	Level 3 Intermediate	Level 4 Early Advanced	Level 5 Advanced
Score Range: 466 or below	Score Range: 467-506	Score Range: 507-612	Score Range: 613-644	Score Range: 645 or above
When listening, the student at Level 1 is working on:	When listening, the student at Level 2 is working on:	When listening, the student at Level 3 is working on:	When listening, the student at Level 4 is working on:	When listening, the student at Level 5 is working on:
responding to short conversations; recognizing and identifying the meanings of a few frequently occurring words in read-alouds and simple oral presentations; responding to simple yes/no and wh- questions; following simple directions.	responding to short conversations; recognizing and identifying the meaning of some key words and phrases from read-alouds and oral presentations; responding to yes/no and wh- questions; following simple and some multi-step directions without picture support; discriminating some details in longer conversations.	responding to conversations and identifying key words and phrases from read-alouds and oral presentations; answering questions about the meanings of words and phrases; making inferences and comparisons; responding to yes/no and wh- questions; comprehending details and following longer directions.	responding to conversations and identifying key words, phrases, and details from long stories and presentations; answering questions and evaluating key vocabulary using details from long stories and conversations; demonstrating multiple-step thinking.	responding to conversations and identifying key words, phrases, and details from longer stories and informational presentations; answering questions and evaluating key details from long informational presentations; demonstrating multiple step thinking.

Speaking	Speaking	Speaking	Speaking	Speaking
Level 1 Beginning	Level 2 Early Intermediate	Level 3 Intermediate	Level 4 Early Advanced	Level 5 Advanced
Score Range: 486 or below	Score Range: 487-534	Score Range: 535-597	Score Range: 598-624	Score Range: 625 or above
When speaking, the student at Level 1 is working on:	When speaking, the student at Level 2 is working on:	When speaking, the student at Level 3 is working on:	When speaking, the student at Level 4 is working on:	When speaking, the student at Level 5 is working on:
responding to short conversations and questions; describing objects using frequently occurring nouns and verbs; communicating simple information about a topic.	responding to conversations and questions, following commands; describing actions and objects using frequently occurring nouns, verbs and short phrases; communicating simple information; retelling and sequencing a story; using prepositional phrases to describe location; categorizing vocabulary; forming questions related to prompts.	responding to conversations, questions and commands by describing details and actions using nouns, verbs, and prepositions; communicating information and expressing an opinion about a familiar topic; making inferences to answer questions; retelling and sequencing an oral presentation.	responding to conversations, questions and prompts by identifying multiple items and explaining choices; answering questions about a variety of topics using supporting details; expressing an opinion about a variety of topics; demonstrating correct use of prepositions; describing an object's location; retelling and sequencing an oral presentation.	responding to conversations, questions and prompts on a variety of topics by identifying items and explaining choices; answering questions about key details on a variety of topics; expressing an opinion or a preference about a variety of topics; retelling stories and multiple step directions in an event using sequencing.