Sign Language Proficiency Interview (SLPI) Individual Rater Worksheet B  
(May Be Used With SLPI Two and Three Rater Team Procedures)

Candidate: ____________________________________ Rating Date: ______________
Interviewer: ___________________________________ Rater: ____________________________

1. **Functional Range** (circle one): Above Intermediate or At Intermediate or Below Intermediate

2. **Functional Descriptor** (check one):
   - Superior/Superior +: conversation shared and natural; in-depth elaboration
   - Advanced Plus
   - Advanced: generally fluent, shared, conversation; spontaneous elaboration
   - Intermediate Plus
   - Intermediate: generally 3-to-5 sentences; conversation fairly shared for social/work topics
   - Survival Plus
   - Survival: generally 1-to-3 sentence responses with many questions by interviewer required
   - Novice Plus
   - Novice: one sign, short phrases, single sentence, memorized like signing
   - No Functional Skills: (may be) some one sign, single phrase responses

Both function and form considered for ratings #3-to#6:

3. **Possible Final Ratings:** __________________ / ___________________________

4. **Independent Rating after 1st viewing:** _______________________________________

5. **Was a 2nd viewing needed?** If yes, 2nd viewing independent rating: __________________

6. **Independent Final Rating following discussion:** _________________________________

7. **Linguistic Factors (Form):**

   **A. Candidate’s Vocabulary Knowledge**
   How broad? _________________ Examples:

   How many sign selection errors based on meaning? _________________ Examples:

   How many inappropriately initialized signs? _________________ Examples:

   How many fingerspelled words that have standard signs? _____________ Examples:

   **B & C. Candidate's Production & Fluency**
   How clear is the candidate’s production and fluency? _________________
   At what signing rate? _______________________________
   How many sign production errors? (a few, some, etc.)_________________________ Examples:
D. Candidate’s Use of Grammatical Features

Candidate showed __________ use of __________ sign language grammatical features, including:

1) Indexing, space, body shifts, and eye gaze for comparison/contrast, to locate and refer to people, places, and objects present and not present, and role play

2) Sign verb movement directionality for location and pronoun incorporation:

3) Facial expression and sign movement modification for size, degree, manner, and temporal aspect/time:

4) Repetition of sign verb movement for repeated action:

5) Repetition of sign noun movement and vertical and horizontal sweep for plurals:

6) Number incorporation for people, age, and time (may include use of timeline):

7) Listing on non-dominant hand, FINISH, body shifts, and pauses for connecting ideas, separating ideas, and sequencing of events:

8) Sign word order for rhetorical (rh) question; topic-comment, conditional, and object-subject-verb; also, FINISH, MUST, CAN, and NOT at end of comments:

9) Classifiers following nouns for (a) description; (b) location and relationship of people, animals, things, and places; (c) actions of people, animals, and objects; and (d) how something is used or functions:

10) Non-manual signals for negation, affirmation, yes-no?, wh-?, and adjectives and adverbs (puffed cheeks, pursed lips/o-o, mm, pah, cs, th and clenched teeth):

11) Other *Positive* Grammar Use _____________________________________________________________

Areas Needing Improvement ________________________________________________________________

E. Candidate’s Comprehension

Candidate showed __________ comprehension of sign language produced by interviewer at a __________ rate, with __________ repetition(s) and rephrasing(s).