

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

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Candidate: _____ Interview Date: _____ Rating Date: _____

Interviewer: _____ Rater: _____

1. **Functional Range: Above Intermediate or At Intermediate or Below Intermediate**
2. **Functional Descriptors:**

Above	{	_____	Superior/Superior+: conversation shared and natural; in-depth elaboration
		_____	Advanced Plus
		_____	Advanced: generally fluent, shared, conversation; spontaneous elaboration
		_____	Intermediate Plus
At	→	_____	Intermediate: generally 3-to-5 sentences, conversation fairly shared for social/work topic
Below	{	_____	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

A. _____

B. _____

C. _____

D. _____

E. _____

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

3. **Possible Final Ratings** _____ / _____

A. Candidate's Vocabulary Knowledge

1. How broad? _____ Examples: (List 10 best ASL Words)

2. How many sign selection errors based on meaning/ Semantics? (i.e.: WEDDING for MARRIED - wrong for right – no parameters errors)
_____ Examples:

3. How many inappropriately initialized signs? _____ Examples:

4. How many fingerspelled words that have standard signs? _____ Examples:

B. & C. Candidate's Production & Fluency

C. At what signing rate? _____

B. How clear is the candidate's production and fluency? _____

B. How many sign production errors? (a few, some, etc.) hs-handshake, loc-location, mov-movement, po-palm orientation, ndh-non-dominant hand _____ Examples:

D. Candidate's Use of Grammatical Features

Candidate showed _____ use of _____ sign language grammatical features, including:
(how well) (how many)

- 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: *(4 examples of 1 each skill)*
- 2) **Sign verb movement directionality** for location and pronoun incorporation: *(4 examples)*
- 3) **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): *(4 examples – match level)*
- 4) **Repetition of sign verb movement** for repeated action: *(4 examples)*
- 5) **Repetition of sign noun movement** and vertical and horizontal sweep for plurals: *(4 examples)*
- 6) **Number incorporation for people (1), age (1), and time (2)** (may include use of timeline): *(4 examples)*
- 7) **Listing** on non-dominant hand, **FINISH, body shifts, and pauses** for connecting ideas, separating ideas, and sequencing of events: *(4 examples)*
- 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: *(4 examples)*
- 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: *(4 examples or more – match level)*
- 10) Facial expression and sign movement modification for size, degree, manner, and temporal aspect/time: *(2 examples)*

_____ | 10 points

11) *Areas Needing Improvement (recommendation)*

E. Candidate's Comprehension

Candidate showed _____ comprehension of sign language produced by interviewer at a _____
rate with _____ repetition(s) and rephrasing(s). (interview's rate)
(how many)
Put tally here