

SIGN LANGUAGE PROFICIENCY INTERVIEW: AMERICAN SIGN LANGUAGE

(SLPI: ASL)

TWO AND THREE RATER PROCEDURES'

RATER WORKSHEET SAMPLES

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<sup>a</sup>Samples shown are for Three Rater Team Procedure. The same rater forms may be used for both Two and Three Rater Team Procedures. For worksheet items #1, 2, 4, 5 (if done) and 6, Two Rater Team Procedure would show ratings for two raters rather than three raters.

## INTRODUCTION

This document provides 12 SLPI Two and Three Rater Procedures' Individual Rater Worksheet samples (pages 4-25) and three Discussion Rater Worksheet samples (pages 26-31).

Readers are referred to Section 4B for the following information:

1. Overview of Guidelines for Completing SLPI Rater Worksheets.
2. Guidelines for Completing SLPI Rater Worksheets - These guidelines are followed in the sample worksheets in this Section.
3. Reviewing SLPI Rater Worksheets: Guidelines for SLPI Coordinators – All SLPI Team members are encouraged to use these guidelines

Note: Many programs use ranges when reporting Official Ratings to SLPI candidates. For example, most programs use the Advanced Plus-Superior Plus Range and some use the Novice Range. For programs that report Official Ratings this way:

1. Candidates receiving Final Ratings of Superior Plus, Superior, and Advanced Plus from individual raters receive Official Ratings of Advanced Plus-Superior Plus Range (see pages 26-31).
2. Candidates receiving Final Ratings of Novice Plus and Novice from individual raters receive Official Ratings of Novice Range.

In SLPI Notebook Section 7 see SLPI Paper #16: *Options for Reporting SLPI Ratings*, for additional discussion of the above.

**SIGN LANGUAGE PROFICIENCY INTERVIEW (SLPI) INDIVIDUAL RATER WORKSHEET B  
(USE WITH SLPI TWO AND THREE RATER TEAM PROCEDURES)**

INTERVIEWEE: \_\_\_\_\_ **NAME** \_\_\_\_\_ RATING DATE: \_\_\_\_\_ **DATE** \_\_\_\_\_  
 INTERVIEWER: \_\_\_\_\_ **NAME** \_\_\_\_\_ RATER: \_\_\_\_\_ **NAME** \_\_\_\_\_

1. **Functional Range:** Above Intermediate or At Intermediate or Below Intermediate
2. **Functional Descriptor:**
  - Superior/Superior + conversation shared and natural; in-depth elaboration
  - \_\_\_\_\_ Advanced Plus
  - \_\_\_\_\_ Advanced: generally fluent, shared, conversation; spontaneous elaboration
  - \_\_\_\_\_ Intermediate Plus
  - \_\_\_\_\_ Intermediate: generally responds in 3-to-5 sentences; conversation fairly shared for social and 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:** \_\_\_\_\_ **Superior Plus ----- Superior** \_\_\_\_\_
4. **Independent Rating after 1<sup>st</sup> viewing:** \_\_\_\_\_ **Superior Plus** \_\_\_\_\_
5. **Independent Rating after 2<sup>nd</sup> viewing; only done if 1<sup>st</sup> ratings not all within 1 level of each other:** \_\_\_\_\_
6. **Independent Final Rating** following discussion: Superior Plus Form Supports Function
7. **Linguistic Factors (Form):**

**A. Candidate's Vocabulary Knowledge**

How broad? \_\_\_\_\_ **native-like** \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_  $\emptyset$  \_\_\_\_\_ sign selection errors based on meaning:

Overuse of \_\_\_\_\_  $\emptyset$  \_\_\_\_\_ initialized signs:

\_\_\_\_\_  $\emptyset$  \_\_\_\_\_ fingerspelled words with standard signs:

**B. & C. Candidate's Production & Fluency**

How clear? \_\_\_\_\_ **native-like** \_\_\_\_\_ Rate \_\_\_\_\_ **normal** \_\_\_\_\_

Sign production errors (How many?; a few, some, etc.): \_\_\_\_\_  $\emptyset$  \_\_\_\_\_

## 4. Linguistic Factors (Form) (continued):

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**D. Candidate's Use of Grammatical Features**

**Native-like** use of **many** sign language grammatical features, including

- 1) indexing, space, body shifts and eye gaze:
- 2) sign verb movement directionality:
- 3) facial expression and sign movement modification (size, degree, manner, and time):
- 4) repetition of sign verb movement:
- 5) repetition of sign noun movement and vertical and horizontal sweep:
- 6) number incorporation (may include use of timeline):
- 7) listing on non-dominant hand, FINISH, body shifts, and pauses:
- 8) sign word order (rh?; topic-comment; FINISH, MUST, CAN, and NOT at end of comments; conditional; Object-Subject-Verb):
- 9) classifiers:
- 10) non-manual signals (neg. and aff. head movements, yes-no?, wh-?, puffed cheeks, pursed lips/o-o, mm, pah, cs, th, clenched teeth):
- 11) other:
- 12) problems:

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**E. Candidate's Comprehension**

**Native-like** comprehension of sign language produced by interviewer at a **normal** rate, with **Ø** repetition(s) and rephrasing(s).

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**SIGN LANGUAGE PROFICIENCY INTERVIEW (SLPI) INDIVIDUAL RATER WORKSHEET B  
(USE WITH SLPI TWO AND THREE RATER TEAM PROCEDURES)**

INTERVIEWEE: \_\_\_\_\_ **NAME** \_\_\_\_\_ RATING DATE: \_\_\_\_\_ **DATE** \_\_\_\_\_  
 INTERVIEWER: \_\_\_\_\_ **NAME** \_\_\_\_\_ RATER: \_\_\_\_\_ **NAME** \_\_\_\_\_

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

2. **Functional Descriptor:**

- Superior/Superior +: conversation shared and natural; in-depth elaboration  
 \_\_\_\_\_ Advanced Plus  
 \_\_\_\_\_ Advanced: generally fluent, shared, conversation; spontaneous elaboration  
 \_\_\_\_\_ Intermediate Plus  
 \_\_\_\_\_ Intermediate: generally responds in 3-to-5 sentences; conversation fairly shared for social and 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:** \_\_\_\_\_ **Superior ----- Advanced Plus** \_\_\_\_\_

4. **Independent Rating after 1<sup>st</sup> viewing:** \_\_\_\_\_ **Superior** \_\_\_\_\_

5. **Independent Rating after 2<sup>nd</sup> viewing; only done if 1<sup>st</sup> ratings not all within 1 level of each other:** \_\_\_\_\_

6. **Independent Final Rating** following discussion: \_\_\_\_\_ **Superior** \_\_\_\_\_ Form Supports Function

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

**A. Candidate's Vocabulary Knowledge**

How broad? \_\_\_\_\_ **very broad** \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_ **Ø** \_\_\_\_\_ sign selection errors based on meaning:

Overuse of \_\_\_\_\_ **Ø** \_\_\_\_\_ initialized signs:

\_\_\_\_\_ **Ø** \_\_\_\_\_ fingerspelled words with standard signs:

**B. & C. Candidate's Production & Fluency**

How clear? \_\_\_\_\_ **near native-like** \_\_\_\_\_ Rate \_\_\_\_\_ **normal** \_\_\_\_\_

Sign production errors (How many?; a few, some, etc.): \_\_\_\_\_ **Ø** \_\_\_\_\_

## 4. Linguistic Factors (Form) (continued):

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**D. Candidate's Use of Grammatical Features**

**Excellent** use of **many** sign language grammatical features, including

- 1) indexing, space, body shifts and eye gaze:
- 2) sign verb movement directionality:
- 3) facial expression and sign movement modification (size, degree, manner, and time):
- 4) repetition of sign verb movement:
- 5) repetition of sign noun movement and vertical and horizontal sweep:
- 6) number incorporation (may include use of timeline):
- 7) listing on non-dominant hand, FINISH, body shifts, and pauses:
- 8) sign word order (rh?; topic-comment; FINISH, MUST, CAN, and NOT at end of comments; conditional; Object-Subject-Verb):
- 9) classifiers:
- 10) non-manual signals (neg. and aff. head movements, yes-no?, wh-?, puffed cheeks, pursed lips/o-o, mm, pah, cs, th, clenched teeth):
- 11) other:
- 12) problems:

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**E. Candidate's Comprehension**

**Excellent** comprehension of sign language produced by interviewer at a **normal** rate, with **0** repetition(s) and rephrasing(s).

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**SIGN COMMUNICATION PROFICIENCY INTERVIEW (SCPI) INDIVIDUAL RATER WORKSHEET A  
(USE WITH INDIVIDUAL RATER PROCESS)**

CANDIDATE: \_\_\_\_\_ NAME \_\_\_\_\_ RATING DATE: \_\_\_\_\_ DATE \_\_\_\_\_  
INTERVIEWER: \_\_\_\_\_ NAME \_\_\_\_\_ RATER: \_\_\_\_\_ NAME \_\_\_\_\_  
RATING: \_\_\_\_\_ Advanced Plus \_\_\_\_\_ (Considering both Function and Form)

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

2. **Functional Descriptors:**

\_\_\_\_\_ Superior/Superior +: conversation shared and natural; in-depth elaboration

x \_\_\_\_\_ Advanced Plus

\_\_\_\_\_ Advanced: generally fluent, shared, conversation; spontaneous elaboration

\_\_\_\_\_ Intermediate Plus

\_\_\_\_\_ Intermediate: generally responds in 3-to-5 sentences; conversation fairly shared for social and 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

3. Possible Final Ratings \_\_\_\_\_ Advanced Plus ----- Advanced \_\_\_\_\_  
(considering both function and form)

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

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**A. Candidate's Vocabulary Knowledge**

How broad? \_\_\_\_\_ very broad \_\_\_\_\_

OH-I-SEE, SAME-ME, USED-TO, LOOK-UP, RAPPORT, ONE-ON-ONE, IMMERSE, GO-thru-years-in-college, #BACK, #ALL, SCARCE, COMMUTE

\_\_\_\_\_ a few \_\_\_\_\_ sign selection errors based on meaning:

CALL-name for NAME, 2 + 0 + 14 for 2014

Overuse of \_\_\_\_\_ a few \_\_\_\_\_ initialized signs:

ROOM, SQUARE

\_\_\_\_\_ Ø \_\_\_\_\_ fingerspelled words with standard signs:

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**B. & C. Candidate's Production & Fluency**

How clear? \_\_\_\_\_ very clear \_\_\_\_\_ Rate \_\_\_\_\_ normal \_\_\_\_\_

Sign production errors (How many?; a few, some, etc.) : \_\_\_\_\_ Ø \_\_\_\_\_

4. Linguistic Factors (Form) (continued):

D. Candidate's Use of Grammatical Features

very good use of many sign language grammatical features, including

- 1) Indexing, space, body shifts & eye gaze for comparison/contrast, to locate and refer to people, place, and objects present and not present, and role play:  
**FRIEND-It SELF-rt - body shift/eye gaze, direction of classroom, MON-It FRI-rt, direction of campus - using space/indexing/eye gaze**
- 2) Sign verb movement directionality for location and pronoun incorporation:  
**PICK-on-me, MOVE-to, TEACH-student, LOOK-AT, HIT-her, TURN-me, GIVE-me, PUT-it-up, TEACH-me, TAKE-AWAY-from-me**
- 3) Facial expression & sign movement modification for size, degree, manner, & temporal aspect/time:  
**KITCHEN!!-big swing, MANY-very, ENJOY-very, DIFFERENT-very, BENCHPRESS-heavy, BENCHPRESS-light, BENCHPRESS-quick**
- 4) Repetition of sign verb movement for repeated action:  
**COLLECT+++, STUCK+++, YELL+++, DIVIDE+++, COPY+++**
- 5) Repetition of sign noun movement and vertical & horizontal sweep for plurals:  
**STACK+++, CATEGORY+++, CL:VV-sit+++, EVERY-FRIDAY, EVERY-WEEK,**
- 6) Number incorporation for people, age, and time (may include use of timeline):  
**2-MIN, AGE-4, WE-3, THEY-4, 2:00-4:00, 3-MONTH, 2-YEAR-AGO**
- 7) Listing on non-dominant hand, FINISH, body shifts, & pauses for connecting ideas, separating ideas, and sequencing of events:  
**listing of job duties with pauses, listing of family members and pets, listing of sequencing events using FINISH**
- 8) Sign word order for rhetorical (rh) question; topic-comment; conditional; Object-Subject-Verb; also, FINISH, MUST, CAN, & NOT at end of comments:  
**Rh?: NAME ME WHY?, conditional: CLEAN PROBLEM MUST MEETING, conditional/neg: IF CLEAN-neg PUNISH, topic-comment: KNOW BAD WORD EXPLAIN, end of comment: HOMEWORK MUST**
- 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:  
**CL:11-persons, CL:5-building, CL:V-walking, CL:S-open locker, CL:CC-semi-circle table, CL:44-long line, CL:VV-horse sitting**
- 10) Non-manual signals for negation, affirmation, yes-no?, wh-?, and adjectives and adverbs (puffed cheeks, pursed lips/o-o, mm, pah, cs, th, clenched teeth):  
**CLEAN-neg, NEAR-cs, RECENTLY-cs, PAH #BACK HOME, WHY-wh?, KNOW-y/n?**
- 11) Other:
- 12) Problems:

E. Candidate's Comprehension

Very good comprehension of sign language produced by interviewer at a normal rate, with Ø repetition(s) and rephrasing(s).

**SIGN LANGUAGE PROFICIENCY INTERVIEW (SLPI) INDIVIDUAL RATER WORKSHEET B  
(USE WITH SLPI TWO AND THREE RATER TEAM PROCEDURES)**

INTERVIEWEE: \_\_\_\_\_ **NAME** \_\_\_\_\_ RATING DATE: \_\_\_\_\_ **DATE** \_\_\_\_\_  
 INTERVIEWER: \_\_\_\_\_ **NAME** \_\_\_\_\_ RATER: \_\_\_\_\_ **NAME** \_\_\_\_\_

1. **Functional Range:** Above Intermediate or At Intermediate or Below Intermediate
2. **Functional Descriptor:**
  - \_\_\_\_\_ Superior/Superior +: conversation shared and natural; in-depth elaboration
  - \_\_\_\_\_ Advanced Plus
  - X** \_\_\_\_\_ Advanced: generally fluent, shared, conversation; spontaneous elaboration
  - \_\_\_\_\_ Intermediate Plus
  - \_\_\_\_\_ Intermediate: generally responds in 3-to-5 sentences; conversation fairly shared for social and 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:** \_\_\_\_\_ **Advanced ----- Intermediate Plus** \_\_\_\_\_
4. **Independent Rating after 1<sup>st</sup> viewing:** \_\_\_\_\_ **Advanced** \_\_\_\_\_
5. **Independent Rating after 2<sup>nd</sup> viewing; only done if 1<sup>st</sup> ratings not all within 1 level of each other:** \_\_\_\_\_
6. **Independent Final Rating** following discussion: \_\_\_\_\_ **Advanced** \_\_\_\_\_ Form Supports Function
7. **Linguistic Factors (Form):**

**A. Candidate's Vocabulary Knowledge**

How broad? \_\_\_\_\_ **broad** \_\_\_\_\_

**OVERWHELMED, KNOW-NOTHING, FASCINATED, LOVE-IT, TRANSFER, NEAT,  
NOT-RESPONSIBLE, SEARCH-FOR, DISAPPOINT, BROKE**

\_\_\_\_\_ **Ø** \_\_\_\_\_ sign selection errors based on meaning:

Overuse of \_\_\_\_\_ **a few** \_\_\_\_\_ initialized signs:

**GRADE, COLLEGE**

\_\_\_\_\_ **Ø** \_\_\_\_\_ fingerspelled words with standard signs:

**B. & C. Candidate's Production & Fluency**

How clear? \_\_\_\_\_ **clear** \_\_\_\_\_ Rate \_\_\_\_\_ **near-normal to normal** \_\_\_\_\_

Sign production errors (How many?; a few, some, etc.): \_\_\_\_\_ **a few** \_\_\_\_\_

**REMODEL, DELICIOUS, FIX**

## 4. Linguistic Factors (Form) (continued):

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**D. Candidate's Use of Grammatical Features**

Good use of many sign language grammatical features, including

- 1) indexing, space, body shifts and eye gaze:  
**space and body shifts to separate groups (STUDENTS-rt., TEACHERS-1t.);  
space, indexing, and eye gaze to discuss courses and hobbies**
- 2) sign verb movement directionality:  
**TEACH-rt., DRIVE-1t. CALIFORNIA, TELL-me, INFORM-them**
- 3) facial expression and sign movement modification (size, degree, manner, and time):  
**READ-carefully, EXPAND-gradually, WALK-slowly**
- 4) repetition of sign verb movement:  
**FLY+++ , GIVE+++ , READ++++**
- 5) repetition of sign noun movement and vertical and horizontal sweep:  
**BOOK++ , AIRPLANE++ , MORNING-sweep, FRIDAY-sweep**
- 6) number incorporation (may include use of timeline):  
**3-WEEK, 2-WEEK-AGO**
- 7) listing on non-dominant hand, FINISH, body shifts, and pauses:  
**listing for family members and job responsibilities  
use of FINISH to separate sequence of activities**
- 8) sign word order (rh?; topic-comment; FINISH, MUST, CAN, and NOT at end of comments; conditional; Object-Subject-Verb):  
**rh?: ME LEAVE EARLY. WHY? EMERGENCY  
neg. at end of comment: ME TEACHER NOT  
ALL-DAY WORK ME TIME-6 FINISH**
- 9) classifiers:  
**CL:33 for cars in a row, CL:BB for stacks of books, CL:B for pictures on wall**
- 10) non-manual signals (neg. and aff. head movements, yes-no?, wh-?, puffed cheeks, pursed lips/o-o, mm, pah, cs, th, clenched teeth):  
**RECENTLY-very, UNDERSTAND-neg.**
- 11) other:
- 12) problems:

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**E. Candidate's Comprehension**

**Good** comprehension of sign language produced by interviewer at a normal rate,

with Ø repetition(s) and rephrasing(s).

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**SIGN LANGUAGE PROFICIENCY INTERVIEW (SLPI) INDIVIDUAL RATER WORKSHEET B  
(USE WITH SLPI TWO AND THREE RATER TEAM PROCEDURES)**

INTERVIEWEE: \_\_\_\_\_ **NAME** \_\_\_\_\_ RATING DATE: \_\_\_\_\_ **DATE** \_\_\_\_\_  
 INTERVIEWER: \_\_\_\_\_ **NAME** \_\_\_\_\_ RATER: \_\_\_\_\_ **NAME** \_\_\_\_\_

1. **Functional Range:** Above Intermediate or At Intermediate or Below Intermediate
2. **Functional Descriptor:**  
 \_\_\_\_\_ Superior/Superior +: conversation shared and natural; in-depth elaboration  
 \_\_\_\_\_ Advanced Plus  
X \_\_\_\_\_ Advanced: generally fluent, shared, conversation; spontaneous elaboration  
 \_\_\_\_\_ Intermediate Plus  
 \_\_\_\_\_ Intermediate: generally responds in 3-to-5 sentences; conversation fairly shared for social and 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:** \_\_\_\_\_ **Advanced-Intermediate Plus** \_\_\_\_\_
4. **Independent Rating after 1<sup>st</sup> viewing:** \_\_\_\_\_ **Intermediate Plus** \_\_\_\_\_
5. **Independent Rating after 2<sup>nd</sup> viewing; only done if 1<sup>st</sup> ratings not all within 1 level of each other:** \_\_\_\_\_
6. **Independent Final Rating following discussion:** Intermediate Plus Form does not Support Function;  
 therefore **final rating** one level  
 below Function.
7. **Linguistic Factors (Form):** \_\_\_\_\_

**A. Candidate's Vocabulary Knowledge**

How broad? \_\_\_\_\_ **fairly broad** \_\_\_\_\_

**OBSERVE, ANALYZE, TEST, PLACEMENT, SCHEDULE, INTERVIEW, SUBSTITUTE, FOOTBALL**

\_\_\_\_\_ **a few** \_\_\_\_\_ sign selection errors based on meaning:

**GRADUATE (verb) + SCHOOL for GRADUATE-SCHOOL, NO (negative) for NONE (quantity)**

Overuse of \_\_\_\_\_ **a few** \_\_\_\_\_ initialized signs:

**HAPPEN, WAY, REALLY**

\_\_\_\_\_ **Ø** \_\_\_\_\_ fingerspelled words with standard signs:

**B. & C. Candidate's Production & Fluency**

How clear? \_\_\_\_\_ **clear** \_\_\_\_\_ Rate \_\_\_\_\_ **near-normal to normal** \_\_\_\_\_

Sign production errors (How many?; a few, some, etc.): \_\_\_\_\_ **a few** \_\_\_\_\_

**MEASURE, PROGRAM, MAXIMUM; fsp. sometimes not clear**

## 4. Linguistic Factors (Form) (continued):

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**D. Candidate's Use of Grammatical Features**

Fairly good use of several sign language grammatical features, including

- 1) indexing, space, body shifts and eye gaze:  
**WORK-1t., HOME-rt.; SISTER THERE-rt. BROTHER THERE-1t.;**  
**space and indexing for room locations**
- 2) sign verb movement directionality:
- 3) facial expression and sign movement modification (size, degree, manner, and time):  
**LARGE-really, HOUSE-very-large, TOWN-small**
- 4) repetition of sign verb movement:  
**LOOK-AT++, SEARCH+++-sweep**
- 5) repetition of sign noun movement and vertical and horizontal sweep:  
**HOUSE+++ , MONDAY-sweep, WEEK++**
- 6) number incorporation (may include use of timeline):  
**AGE-4, 2-MONTHS**
- 7) listing on non-dominant hand, FINISH, body shifts, and pauses:
- 8) sign word order (rh?; topic-comment; FINISH, MUST, CAN, and NOT at end of comments; conditional; Object-Subject-Verb):  
**TEACH ALL-DAY 8-3, FINISH.**
- 9) classifiers:  
**CL:11 for 2 people walking together**
- 10) non-manual signals (neg. and aff. head movements, yes-no?, wh-?, puffed cheeks, pursed lips/o-o, mm, pah, cs, th, clenched teeth):
- 11) other:
- 12) problems:  
**some overuse of AND and TO (MOVE-TO + TO, KNOW-TO + TO)**

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**E. Candidate's Comprehension**

**Good** comprehension of sign language produced by interviewer at a moderate-to-normal rate, with a few repetition(s) and rephrasing(s).

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**SIGN LANGUAGE PROFICIENCY INTERVIEW (SLPI) INDIVIDUAL RATER WORKSHEET B  
(USE WITH SLPI TWO AND THREE RATER TEAM PROCEDURES)**

INTERVIEWEE: \_\_\_\_\_ **NAME** \_\_\_\_\_ RATING DATE: \_\_\_\_\_ **DATE** \_\_\_\_\_  
 INTERVIEWER: \_\_\_\_\_ **NAME** \_\_\_\_\_ RATER: \_\_\_\_\_ **NAME** \_\_\_\_\_

1. **Functional Range:** Above Intermediate or At Intermediate or Below Intermediate
2. **Functional Descriptor:**  
 \_\_\_\_\_ Superior/Superior +: conversation shared and natural; in-depth elaboration  
 \_\_\_\_\_ Advanced Plus  
 \_\_\_\_\_ Advanced: generally fluent, shared, conversation; spontaneous elaboration  
 \_\_\_\_\_ Intermediate Plus  
 Intermediate: generally responds in 3-to-5 sentences; conversation fairly shared for social and 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:** \_\_\_\_\_ **Intermediate** ----- **Survival Plus** \_\_\_\_\_
4. **Independent Rating after 1<sup>st</sup> viewing:** \_\_\_\_\_ **Intermediate** \_\_\_\_\_
5. **Independent Rating after 2<sup>nd</sup> viewing; only done if 1<sup>st</sup> ratings not all within 1 level of each other:** \_\_\_\_\_ **Int** \_\_\_\_\_
6. **Independent Final Rating following discussion:** \_\_\_\_\_ **Intermediate** \_\_\_\_\_ Form Supports Function  
**Line 5 rating, independent rating after 2nd viewing, indicates raters' 1st independent ratings (Line 4) more that one rating level apart.**
7. **Linguistic Factors (Form):**

**A. Candidate's Vocabulary Knowledge**

How broad? \_\_\_\_\_ **Good knowledge for basic signs** \_\_\_\_\_

**SCIENCE, TEACH, MATH, CLASS, SKILLS, MORNING, PARENTS, FAMILY, GROW-UP, NEW-YORK**

\_\_\_\_\_ **some** \_\_\_\_\_ sign selection errors based on meaning:

**NO for NONE, LAST (final) + YEAR for LAST/PAST YEAR, ABOUT (preposition) for ABOUT/APPROXIMATELY, GRADUATE (verb) + SCHOOL for GRADUATE-SCHOOL, VIDEOTAPE (noun) for VIDEOTAPE (verb)**

Overuse of \_\_\_\_\_ **a few** \_\_\_\_\_ initialized signs:

**COLLEGE, FUTURE, FRUSTRATED**

\_\_\_\_\_ **Ø** \_\_\_\_\_ fingerspelled words with standard signs.

**B. & C. Candidate's Production & Fluency**

How clear? \_\_\_\_\_ **fairly clear** \_\_\_\_\_ Rate \_\_\_\_\_ **moderate** \_\_\_\_\_

Sign production errors (How many?; a few, some, etc.): \_\_\_\_\_ **some** \_\_\_\_\_

**SCHEDULE, PROJECT, BECOME, INTERPRET**

## 4. Linguistic Factors (Form) (continued):

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**D. Candidate's Use of Grammatical Features**

Fair use of several sign language grammatical features, including

- 1) indexing, space, body shifts and eye gaze:  
**TEACH COLLEGE THERE-rt.; STUDENT-rt., TEACHER-1t.; HOME-rt., WORK-1t.**
- 2) sign verb movement directionality:  
**ATTEND-rt., MOVE-1t.**
- 3) facial expression and sign movement modification (size, degree, manner, and time):  
**BEAUTIFUL-really, STUDY-for-a-long-time**
- 4) repetition of sign verb movement:  
**WORK+++ , GO-TO++**
- 5) repetition of sign noun movement and vertical and horizontal sweep:  
**NIGHT-sweep**
- 6) number incorporation (may include use of timeline):  
**3-YEARS, 2-WEEKS-AGO**
- 7) listing on non-dominant hand, FINISH, body shifts, and pauses:
- 8) sign word order (rh?; topic-comment; FINISH, MUST, CAN, and NOT at end of comments; conditional; Object-Subject-Verb):
- 9) classifiers:  
**CL:3 for CAR, CL:B for paper on desk**
- 10) non-manual signals (neg. and aff. head movements, yes-no?, wh-?, puffed cheeks, pursed lips/o-o, mm, pah, cs, th, clenched teeth):  
**WH-? WHERE WORK YOU?**
- 11) other:
- 12) problems:  
**primarily English Word Order (EWO); overuse of AND and THEN**

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**E. Candidate's Comprehension**

**Good** comprehension of sign language produced by interviewer at a moderate rate,

with a few repetition(s) and rephrasing(s).

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**SIGN LANGUAGE PROFICIENCY INTERVIEW (SLPI) INDIVIDUAL RATER WORKSHEET B  
(USE WITH SLPI TWO AND THREE RATER TEAM PROCEDURES)**

INTERVIEWEE: \_\_\_\_\_ **NAME** \_\_\_\_\_ RATING DATE: \_\_\_\_\_ **DATE** \_\_\_\_\_  
 INTERVIEWER: \_\_\_\_\_ **NAME** \_\_\_\_\_ RATER: \_\_\_\_\_ **NAME** \_\_\_\_\_

1. **Functional Range:** Above Intermediate or At Intermediate or Below Intermediate
2. **Functional Descriptor:**  
 \_\_\_\_\_ Superior/Superior +: conversation shared and natural; in-depth elaboration  
 \_\_\_\_\_ Advanced Plus  
 \_\_\_\_\_ Advanced: generally fluent, shared, conversation; spontaneous elaboration  
 \_\_\_\_\_ Intermediate Plus  
 \_\_\_\_\_ Intermediate: generally responds in 3-to-5 sentences; conversation fairly shared for social and work topics  
 **X** 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:** \_\_\_\_\_ **Survival Plus** ----- **Survival** \_\_\_\_\_
4. **Independent Rating after 1<sup>st</sup> viewing:** \_\_\_\_\_ **Survival** \_\_\_\_\_
5. **Independent Rating after 2<sup>nd</sup> viewing; only done if 1<sup>st</sup> ratings not all within 1 level of each other:** \_\_\_\_\_
6. **Independent Final Rating** following discussion: Survival Plus Form Supports Function
7. **Linguistic Factors (Form):**

**A. Candidate's Vocabulary Knowledge**

How broad? fair knowledge of basic signs  
**ENCOURAGE, HELP, LIVING, SKILLS, INTERVIEW, ADVISE, TEACH, SEND, PARENTS, GROW-UP**

a few sign selection errors based on meaning:  
**SOME + TIME for SOMETIMES, SOME + ONE for SOMEONE, LOVE (affection) for LOVE-IT**

Overuse of several initialized signs:  
**YARD, LAKE, HIGH WAY, ARE, IS, WE, COLLEGE**

a few fingerspelled words with standard signs **GRADUATE (verb), BUSINESS**

**B. & C. Candidate's Production & Fluency**

How clear? \_\_\_\_\_ **Generally clear** \_\_\_\_\_ Rate: \_\_\_\_\_ **moderate** \_\_\_\_\_

Sign production errors (How many?; a few, some, etc.): some  
**ANIMAL, BICYCLE, CHANGE, RESTAURANT, 21; also letters E, P, and Q misproduced**

## 4. Linguistic Factors (Form) (continued):

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**D. Candidate's Use of Grammatical Features**

**Basic-to-fair** use of **some** sign language grammatical features, including

- 1) indexing, space, body shifts and eye gaze:  
**CAR THERE-rt., BICYCLE THERE-1t.**  
**Body shifts and space for different groups (wife's family to rt. and his family to 1t.)**
- 2) sign verb movement directionality:
- 3) facial expression and sign movement modification (size, degree, manner, and time):
- 4) repetition of sign verb movement:
- 5) repetition of sign noun movement and vertical and horizontal sweep:  
**HOUSE+++ , BOOK+++**
- 6) number incorporation (may include use of timeline):
- 7) listing on non-dominant hand, FINISH, body shifts, and pauses:  
**listing and body shifts for job responsibilities and family members**
- 8) sign word order (rh?; topic-comment; FINISH, MUST, CAN, and NOT at end of comments; conditional; Object-Subject-Verb):
- 9) classifiers:  
**CL:3 for BICYCLE, CL:G and CL:1 for describing bike but not controlled**
- 10) non-manual signals (neg. and aff. head movements, yes-no?, wh-?, puffed cheeks, pursed lips/o-o, mm, pah, cs, th, clenched teeth):  
**UNDERSTAND-aff.**  
**WORK YESTERDAY-neg.**
- 11) other:
- 12) problems:  
**primarily EWO**

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**E. Candidate's Comprehension**

**Fairly good** comprehension of sign language produced by interviewer at a **moderate** rate

with: **a few** repetition(s) and rephrasing(s).

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**SIGN LANGUAGE PROFICIENCY INTERVIEW (SLPI) INDIVIDUAL RATER WORKSHEET B  
(USE WITH SLPI TWO AND THREE RATER TEAM PROCEDURES)**

INTERVIEWEE: \_\_\_\_\_ **NAME** \_\_\_\_\_ RATING DATE: \_\_\_\_\_ **DATE** \_\_\_\_\_  
 INTERVIEWER: \_\_\_\_\_ **NAME** \_\_\_\_\_ RATER: \_\_\_\_\_ **NAME** \_\_\_\_\_

1. **Functional Range:** Above Intermediate or At Intermediate or Below Intermediate
2. **Functional Descriptor:**
- \_\_\_\_\_ Superior/Superior +: conversation shared and natural; in-depth elaboration
- \_\_\_\_\_ Advanced Plus
- \_\_\_\_\_ Advanced: generally fluent, shared, conversation; spontaneous elaboration
- X** Intermediate Plus
- \_\_\_\_\_ Intermediate: generally responds in 3-to-5 sentences; conversation fairly shared for social and 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:** \_\_\_\_\_ **Intermediate Plus ----- Intermediate** \_\_\_\_\_
4. **Independent Rating after 1<sup>st</sup> viewing:** \_\_\_\_\_ **Intermediate** \_\_\_\_\_
5. **Independent Rating after 2<sup>nd</sup> viewing; only done if 1<sup>st</sup> ratings not all within 1 level of each other:** \_\_\_\_\_
6. **Independent Final Rating** following discussion: **Survival Plus** Form far below Function; therefore, **final** rating two levels below Function; this is rare and may indicate interview was not done well.
7. **Linguistic Factors (Form):** \_\_\_\_\_

**A. Candidate's Vocabulary Knowledge**

How broad? \_\_\_\_\_ **knows many signs** \_\_\_\_\_

**COUNSELOR, FORMAL, NORMAL, DISCIPLINE, EXPERIENCE, SCHEDULE, family members, VACATION, HOME, ADVISE, BEHAVIOR**

\_\_\_\_\_ **many** \_\_\_\_\_ sign selection errors based on meaning:

**FUN for FUNNY, DESTROY for WASTE, GRADUATE (v) + SCHOOL for GRADUATE-SCHOOL, SOME + TIME for SOMETIMES, RIGHT (correct) + NOW for RIGHT-NOW, VIDEOTAPE (n) for VIDEOTAPE (v)**

Overuse of \_\_\_\_\_ **several** \_\_\_\_\_ initialized signs:

**IT, SHE, HE, HIM, STREET, RIVER, IS, ARE**

\_\_\_\_\_ **Ø** \_\_\_\_\_ fingerspelled words with standard signs

**B. & C. Candidate's Production & Fluency**

How clear? \_\_\_\_\_ **fairly clear** \_\_\_\_\_ Rate \_\_\_\_\_ **moderate-to-normal** \_\_\_\_\_

Sign production errors (How many?; a few, some, etc.): \_\_\_\_\_ **several** \_\_\_\_\_

**COLLEGE, COURSE, CRY, FREE, CHALLENGE, #s (21, 1997, 1B, etc.); fsp. sometimes not clear and hand high in signing space when fsp.**

## 4. Linguistic Factors (Form) (continued):

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**D. Candidate's Use of Grammatical Features**

Basic use of some sign language grammatical features, including

- 1) indexing, space, body shifts and eye gaze:  
**LEAVE CA THERE-1t., GO-TO NY THERE-rt.**
- 2) sign verb movement directionality:  
**MOVE-TO-rt., GO-TO-1t.**
- 3) facial expression and sign movement modification (size, degree, manner, and time):  
**BEAUTIFUL-very**
- 4) repetition of sign verb movement:  
**MOVE+++ , COMPLAIN+++ , ADD-TO++**
- 5) repetition of sign noun movement and vertical and horizontal sweep:  
**BOOK+++**
- 6) number incorporation (may include use of timeline):  
**2-MONTHS-AGO, 3-WEEKS, 2-YEARS**
- 7) listing on non-dominant hand, FINISH, body shifts, and pauses:
- 8) sign word order (rh?; topic-comment; FINISH, MUST, CAN, and NOT at end of comments; conditional; Object-Subject-Verb):
- 9) classifiers:
- 10) non-manual signals (neg. and aff. head movements, yes-no?, wh-?, puffed cheeks, pursed lips/o-o, mm, pah, cs, th, clenched teeth):
- 11) other:
- 12) problems:  
**primarily EWO; overuse of AND and THEN;  
overuse of ON (FOCUS-ON + ON, DEPENDS-ON and ON)**

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**E. Candidate's Comprehension**

**Fairly good** comprehension of sign language produced by interviewer at a moderate-to-normal rate, with some repetition(s) and rephrasing(s).

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**SIGN LANGUAGE PROFICIENCY INTERVIEW (SLPI) INDIVIDUAL RATER WORKSHEET B  
(USE WITH SLPI TWO AND THREE RATER TEAM PROCEDURES)**

INTERVIEWEE: \_\_\_\_\_ **NAME** \_\_\_\_\_ RATING DATE: \_\_\_\_\_ **DATE** \_\_\_\_\_  
 INTERVIEWER: \_\_\_\_\_ **NAME** \_\_\_\_\_ RATER: \_\_\_\_\_ **NAME** \_\_\_\_\_

1. **Functional Range:** Above Intermediate or At Intermediate or Below Intermediate
2. **Functional Descriptor:**  
 \_\_\_\_\_ Superior/Superior +: conversation shared and natural; in-depth elaboration  
 \_\_\_\_\_ Advanced Plus  
 \_\_\_\_\_ Advanced: generally fluent, shared, conversation; spontaneous elaboration  
 \_\_\_\_\_ Intermediate Plus  
 \_\_\_\_\_ Intermediate: generally responds in 3-to-5 sentences; conversation fairly shared for social and 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:** \_\_\_\_\_ **Survival ----- Novice Plus** \_\_\_\_\_
4. **Independent Rating after 1<sup>st</sup> viewing:** \_\_\_\_\_ **Novice Plus** \_\_\_\_\_
5. **Independent Rating after 2<sup>nd</sup> viewing; only done if 1<sup>st</sup> ratings not all within 1 level of each other:** \_\_\_\_\_
6. **Independent Final Rating** following discussion: \_\_\_\_\_ **Survival** \_\_\_\_\_ Form Supports Function
7. **Linguistic Factors (Form):**

**A. Candidate's Vocabulary Knowledge**

How broad? \_\_\_\_\_ **fair knowledge of basic signs** \_\_\_\_\_

**DEPT., CHANGE, TEACH, THIRD, WHEN, START, WORK, SOON, FINISH, NEVER**

\_\_\_\_\_ **several** \_\_\_\_\_ sign selection errors based on meaning:

**MY for ME/I, DO-DO? for DO (action), SUCCESS for ANNIVERSARY, FROM for FOR, NO (neg.) for NO/NONE, USE-TO for USUALLY, NEWSPAPER for MAGAZINE**

Overuse of \_\_\_\_\_ **a few** \_\_\_\_\_ initialized signs:

**PUBLICITY, REALLY**

\_\_\_\_\_ **a few** \_\_\_\_\_ fingerspelled words with standard signs:

**SINCE, COMMUNITY**

**B. & C. Candidate's Production & Fluency**

How clear? \_\_\_\_\_ **generally fairly clear** \_\_\_\_\_ Rate \_\_\_\_\_ **slow-to-moderate** \_\_\_\_\_

Sign production errors (How many?; a few, some, etc.): \_\_\_\_\_ **many** \_\_\_\_\_

**WRITE, 7, BUT, YES, INTERESTING, YES, elbows held too close to body restricting use of signing space**

## 4. Linguistic Factors (Form) (continued):

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**D. Candidate's Use of Grammatical Features**

Basic use of a few sign language grammatical features, including

- 1) indexing, space, body shifts and eye gaze:  
**WORK THERE-rt.**
- 2) sign verb movement directionality:
- 3) facial expression and sign movement modification (size, degree, manner, and time):  
**NOW-right, BUSY-very, ONCE-IN-AWHILE**
- 4) repetition of sign verb movement:
- 5) repetition of sign noun movement and vertical and horizontal sweep:
- 6) number incorporation (may include use of timeline):  
**6-MONTHS**
- 7) listing on non-dominant hand, FINISH, body shifts, and pauses:
- 8) sign word order (rh?; topic-comment; FINISH, MUST, CAN, and NOT at end of comments; conditional; Object-Subject-Verb):
- 9) classifiers:
- 10) non-manual signals (neg. and aff. head movements, yes-no?, wh-?, puffed cheeks, pursed lips/o-o, mm, pah, cs, th, clenched teeth):  
**YES-aff.**
- 11) other:
- 12) problems:  
**primarily EWO (English word order)**

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**E. Candidate's Comprehension**

**Fair** comprehension of sign language produced by interviewer at a slow-to-moderate rate,

with some repetition(s) and rephrasing(s).

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**SIGN LANGUAGE PROFICIENCY INTERVIEW (SLPI) INDIVIDUAL RATER WORKSHEET B  
(USE WITH SLPI TWO AND THREE RATER TEAM PROCEDURES)**

INTERVIEWEE: \_\_\_\_\_ **NAME** \_\_\_\_\_ RATING DATE: \_\_\_\_\_ **DATE** \_\_\_\_\_  
 INTERVIEWER: \_\_\_\_\_ **NAME** \_\_\_\_\_ RATER: \_\_\_\_\_ **NAME** \_\_\_\_\_

1. **Functional Range:** Above Intermediate or At Intermediate or Below Intermediate
2. **Functional Descriptor:**  
 \_\_\_\_\_ Superior/Superior +: conversation shared and natural; in-depth elaboration  
 \_\_\_\_\_ Advanced Plus  
 \_\_\_\_\_ Advanced: generally fluent, shared, conversation; spontaneous elaboration  
 \_\_\_\_\_ Intermediate Plus  
 \_\_\_\_\_ Intermediate: generally responds in 3-to-5 sentences; conversation fairly shared for social and 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:** \_\_\_\_\_ **Survival ----- Novice Plus** \_\_\_\_\_
4. **Independent Rating after 1<sup>st</sup> viewing:** \_\_\_\_\_ **Survival** \_\_\_\_\_
5. **Independent Rating after 2<sup>nd</sup> viewing; only done if 1<sup>st</sup> ratings not all within 1 level of each other:** \_\_\_\_\_
6. **Independent Final Rating** following discussion: Novice Plus Form does not Function;  
 therefore, **final rating** one level below Function.
7. **Linguistic Factors (Form):**

**A. Candidate's Vocabulary Knowledge**

How broad? \_\_\_\_\_ **knows some basic signs** \_\_\_\_\_

**HORSE, TEACH, FAMILY, CHILDREN, STUDENT, MORNING, MONDAY**

\_\_\_\_\_ **some** \_\_\_\_\_ sign selection errors based on meaning:

**SOME + THING for SOMETHING, SOME + ONE for SOMEONE, HAVE (poss.) + TO for HAVE-TO,  
 LAST (final) for LAST/PAST YEAR, HAVE (poss.) + BEEN for HAVE-BEEN**

Overuse of \_\_\_\_\_ **some** \_\_\_\_\_ initialized signs:

**STREET, LOOK, SO, REALLY**

\_\_\_\_\_ **a few** \_\_\_\_\_ fingerspelled words with standard signs:

**COURSE, MAJOR, BUSINESS**

**B. & C. Candidate's Production & Fluency**

How clear? \_\_\_\_\_ **fairly clear** \_\_\_\_\_ Rate \_\_\_\_\_ **slow-to-moderate** \_\_\_\_\_

Sign production errors (How many?; a few, some, etc.): \_\_\_\_\_ **many** \_\_\_\_\_

**SISTER, BROTHER, REMEMBER, HOME, STATE, CITY, SCIENCE, SCHEDULE;  
 stiff/rigid movement when signing and move/throw hand forward when fsp.**

## 4. Linguistic Factors (Form) (continued):

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**D. Candidate's Use of Grammatical Features**

Very basic use of a few sign language grammatical features, including

- 1) indexing, space, body shifts and eye gaze:  
**WORK-It.**
- 2) sign verb movement directionality:
- 3) facial expression and sign movement modification (size, degree, manner, and time):
- 4) repetition of sign verb movement:  
**GO+++ , WORK+++**
- 5) repetition of sign noun movement and vertical and horizontal sweep:
- 6) number incorporation (may include use of timeline):
- 7) listing on non-dominant hand, FINISH, body shifts, and pauses:
- 8) sign word order (rh?; topic-comment; FINISH, MUST, CAN, and NOT at end of comments; conditional; Object-Subject-Verb):
- 9) classifiers:
- 10) non-manual signals (neg. and aff. head movements, yes-no?, wh-?, puffed cheeks, pursed lips/o-o, mm, pah, cs, th, clenched teeth):  
**NO-neg., TEACH-aff., STUDENT-neg.**
- 11) other:
- 12) problems:

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**E. Candidate's Comprehension**

**Able to understand basic questions** comprehension of sign language produced by interviewer at a **slow-to-moderate** rate with **some** repetition(s) and rephrasing(s).

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**SIGN LANGUAGE PROFICIENCY INTERVIEW (SLPI) INDIVIDUAL RATER WORKSHEET B  
(USE WITH SLPI TWO AND THREE RATER TEAM PROCEDURES)**

INTERVIEWEE: \_\_\_\_\_ **NAME** \_\_\_\_\_ RATING DATE: \_\_\_\_\_ **DATE** \_\_\_\_\_  
 INTERVIEWER: \_\_\_\_\_ **NAME** \_\_\_\_\_ RATER: \_\_\_\_\_ **NAME** \_\_\_\_\_

1. **Functional Range:** Above Intermediate or At Intermediate or Below Intermediate
2. **Functional Descriptor:**  
 \_\_\_\_\_ Superior/Superior +: conversation shared and natural; in-depth elaboration  
 \_\_\_\_\_ Advanced Plus  
 \_\_\_\_\_ Advanced: generally fluent, shared, conversation; spontaneous elaboration  
 \_\_\_\_\_ Intermediate Plus  
 \_\_\_\_\_ Intermediate: generally responds in 3-to-5 sentences; conversation fairly shared for social and work topics  
 \_\_\_\_\_ Survival Plus  
 \_\_\_\_\_ Survival: generally 1-to-3 sentence responses with many questions by interviewer required  
 \_\_\_\_\_ Novice Plus  
 **X** 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:** \_\_\_\_\_ **Novice** \_\_\_\_\_
4. **Independent Rating after 1<sup>st</sup> viewing:** \_\_\_\_\_ **Novice** \_\_\_\_\_
5. **Independent Rating after 2<sup>nd</sup> viewing; only done if 1<sup>st</sup> ratings not all within 1 level of each other:** \_\_\_\_\_
6. **Independent Final Rating** following discussion: \_\_\_\_\_ **Novice** \_\_\_\_\_ If Function Novice, only one possible **final rating**, Novice.
7. **Linguistic Factors (Form):** \_\_\_\_\_

**A. Candidate's Vocabulary Knowledge**

How broad? \_\_\_\_\_ **knows some basic signs** \_\_\_\_\_  
**WEEK, NO, YES, READ, BOOK, LEARN, HOUSE CAT, 1, 3, 5**

\_\_\_\_\_ **some** \_\_\_\_\_ sign selection errors based on meaning:  
**HAVE + TO for HAVE-TO, SOME + TIME for SOMETIMES, BENEFIT for VOTE,  
 SOME + THING for SOMETHING, HAVE (poss.) + TO for HAVE-TO**

Overuse of \_\_\_\_\_ **∅** \_\_\_\_\_ initialized signs:

\_\_\_\_\_ **some** \_\_\_\_\_ fingerspelled words with standard signs:  
**FUN, VACTION, PROGRAM, RECOMMEND**

**B. & C. Candidate's Production & Fluency**

How clear? \_\_\_\_\_ **able to produce some understandable responses** \_\_\_\_\_ Rate \_\_\_\_\_ **slow** \_\_\_\_\_

Sign production errors (How many?; a few, some, etc.): \_\_\_\_\_ **many** \_\_\_\_\_  
**STUDENT, KIDS, FAST, COMPUTER, SISTER, SON, FALL, LIKE, EASY, numbers;  
 fsp. often not clear**

## 4. Linguistic Factors (Form) (continued):

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**D. Candidate's Use of Grammatical Features**

Very basic use of a few sign language grammatical features, including

- 1) indexing, space, body shifts and eye gaze:  
**THERE-It. WORK, HOUSE THERE-It.**
- 2) sign verb movement directionality:
- 3) facial expression and sign movement modification (size, degree, manner, and time):  
**ENJOY-really**
- 4) repetition of sign verb movement:
- 5) repetition of sign noun movement and vertical and horizontal sweep:
- 6) number incorporation (may include use of timeline):
- 7) listing on non-dominant hand, FINISH, body shifts, and pauses:
- 8) sign word order (rh?; topic-comment; FINISH, MUST, CAN, and NOT at end of comments; conditional; Object-Subject-Verb):
- 9) classifiers:
- 10) non-manual signals (neg. and aff. head movements, yes-no?, wh-?, puffed cheeks, pursed lips/o-o, mm, pah, cs, th, clenched teeth):  
**UNDERSTAND-neg. TEACHER-aff.**
- 11) other:
- 12) problems:

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**E. Candidate's Comprehension**

**Able to understand some basic questions** comprehension of sign language produced by interviewer at a **slow** rate, with **frequent** repetition(s) and rephrasing(s).

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**SIGN LANGUAGE PROFICIENCY INTERVIEW (SLPI) INDIVIDUAL RATER WORKSHEET B  
(USE WITH SLPI TWO AND THREE RATER TEAM PROCEDURES)**

INTERVIEWEE: \_\_\_\_\_ **NAME** \_\_\_\_\_ RATING DATE: \_\_\_\_\_ **DATE** \_\_\_\_\_  
 INTERVIEWER: \_\_\_\_\_ **NAME** \_\_\_\_\_ RATER: \_\_\_\_\_ **NAME** \_\_\_\_\_

1. **Functional Range:** Above Intermediate or At Intermediate or Below Intermediate
2. **Functional Descriptor:**  
 \_\_\_\_\_ Superior/Superior +: conversation shared and natural; in-depth elaboration  
 \_\_\_\_\_ Advanced Plus  
 \_\_\_\_\_ Advanced: generally fluent, shared, conversation; spontaneous elaboration  
 \_\_\_\_\_ Intermediate Plus  
 \_\_\_\_\_ Intermediate: generally responds in 3-to-5 sentences; conversation fairly shared for social and 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  
 **X** 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:** \_\_\_\_\_ **No Functional Skills (NFS)** \_\_\_\_\_
4. **Independent Rating after 1<sup>st</sup> viewing:** \_\_\_\_\_ **No Functional Skills (NFS)** \_\_\_\_\_
5. **Independent Rating after 2<sup>nd</sup> viewing; only done if 1<sup>st</sup> ratings not all within 1 level of each other:** \_\_\_\_\_
6. **Independent Final Rating** following discussion: \_\_\_\_\_ **NFS** \_\_\_\_\_ Note: If Function NFS, only one possible **final rating**, NFS.
7. **Linguistic Factors (Form):**

**A. Candidate's Vocabulary Knowledge**

How broad? \_\_\_\_\_ **knows some basic signs** \_\_\_\_\_  
**STUDENT, TEACH, MOTHER, BOOK**

\_\_\_\_\_ **a few** \_\_\_\_\_ sign selection errors based on meaning:  
**SOME + TIME for SOMETIMES, , GROW + UP for GROW-UP, SOME + ONE for SOMEONE**

Overuse of \_\_\_\_\_ **Ø** \_\_\_\_\_ initialized signs:

\_\_\_\_\_ **some** \_\_\_\_\_ fingerspelled words with standard signs:  
**LEARN, FINISH REMEMBER, SCIENCE**

**B. & C. Candidate's Production & Fluency**

How clear? \_\_\_\_\_ **some understandable responses** \_\_\_\_\_ Rate \_\_\_\_\_ **slow** \_\_\_\_\_

Sign production errors (How many?; a few, some, etc.): \_\_\_\_\_ **many** \_\_\_\_\_  
**FATHER, SON, DAUGHTER, SCHOOL, HISTORY, WEEK, SUNDAY, #S; Fsp. not clear**

## 4. Linguistic Factors (Form) (continued):

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**D. Candidate's Use of Grammatical Features**

Very basic use of a few sign language grammatical features, including

- 1) indexing, space, body shifts and eye gaze:  
**HOUSE THERE-rt.**
- 2) sign verb movement directionality:
- 3) facial expression and sign movement modification (size, degree, manner, and time):
- 4) repetition of sign verb movement:
- 5) repetition of sign noun movement and vertical and horizontal sweep:
- 6) number incorporation (may include use of timeline):
- 7) listing on non-dominant hand, FINISH, body shifts, and pauses:
- 8) sign word order (rh?; topic-comment; FINISH, MUST, CAN, and NOT at end of comments; conditional; Object-Subject-Verb):
- 9) classifiers:
- 10) non-manual signals (neg. and aff. head movements, yes-no?, wh-?, puffed cheeks, pursed lips/o-o, mm, pah, cs, th, clenched teeth):  
**TEACHER-aff., CHILDREN-neg.**
- 11) other:
- 12) problems:

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**E. Candidate's Comprehension**

**d**  
**Able to sometimes** comprehension of sign language produced by interviewer at a **slow** rate,  
 with **very frequent** repetition(s) and rephrasing(s). and some mime/nature/gestures.

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SIGN LANGUAGE PROFICIENCY INTERVIEW (SLPI) INDIVIDUAL RATER WORKSHEET B  
(USE WITH SLPI TWO AND THREE RATER TEAM PROCEDURES)

INTERVIEWEE: \_\_\_\_\_ **NAME** \_\_\_\_\_ RATING DATE: \_\_\_\_\_ **DATE** \_\_\_\_\_  
INTERVIEWER: \_\_\_\_\_ **NAME** \_\_\_\_\_ RATER: \_\_\_\_\_ **NAME** \_\_\_\_\_

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

2. **Functional Descriptor:**

- 3 Superior/Superior + conversation shared and natural; in-depth elaboration
- \_\_\_\_\_ Advanced Plus
- \_\_\_\_\_ Advanced: generally fluent, shared, conversation; spontaneous elaboration
- \_\_\_\_\_ Intermediate Plus
- \_\_\_\_\_ Intermediate: generally responds in 3-to-5 sentences; conversation fairly shared for social and 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
- \_\_\_\_\_ 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: \_\_\_\_\_ **Superior Plus** -----**Superior** \_\_\_\_\_

4. Independent Rating after 1<sup>st</sup> viewing: \_\_\_\_\_ **Superior Plus (3)** \_\_\_\_\_

5. Independent Rating after 2<sup>nd</sup> viewing; only done if 1<sup>st</sup> ratings not all within 1 level of each other: \_\_\_\_\_

6. Independent Final Rating following discussion: \_\_\_\_\_ **Superior Plus (3)** \_\_\_\_\_

7. Linguistic Factors (Form): \_\_\_\_\_

**A. Candidate's Vocabulary Knowledge**

Native-like \_\_\_\_\_ knowledge of basic? sign language vocabulary (

with \_\_\_\_\_ 0 \_\_\_\_\_ sign selection errors based on meaning (

overuse of \_\_\_\_\_ 0 \_\_\_\_\_ initialized signs (

and fingerspelled \_\_\_\_\_ 0 \_\_\_\_\_ words with standard signs (

**B. & C. Candidate's Production & Fluency**

Native-like \_\_\_\_\_ production of signing at a normal \_\_\_\_\_ rate,

with \_\_\_\_\_ 0 \_\_\_\_\_ sign production errors

#### 4. Linguistic Factors (Form) (continued):

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##### D. Candidate's Use of Grammatical Features

Native-like use of many sign language grammatical features, including

- 1) indexing, space, body shifts and eye gaze:
- 2) sign verb movement directionality:
- 3) facial expression and sign movement modification (size, degree, manner, and time):
- 4) repetition of sign verb movement:
- 5) repetition of sign noun movement and vertical and horizontal sweep:
- 6) number incorporation (may include use of timeline):
- 7) listing on non-dominant hand, FINISH, body shifts, and pauses:
- 8) sign word order (rh?; topic-comment; FINISH, MUST, CAN, and NOT at end of comments; conditional; Object-Subject-Verb):
- 9) classifiers:
- 10) non-manual signals (neg. and aff. head movements, yes-no?, wh-?, puffed cheeks, pursed lips/o-o, mm, pah, cs, th, clenched teeth):
- 11) other:
- 12) problems:

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##### E. Candidate's Comprehension

**Excellent** comprehension of sign language produced by interviewer at a normal rate,  
with 0 repetition(s) and rephrasing(s).

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**SIGN LANGUAGE PROFICIENCY INTERVIEW RATER DISCUSSION WORKSHEET B  
(MAY BE USED WITH SLPI THREE AND TWO RATER TEAM PROCEDURES)**

INTERVIEWEE: \_\_\_\_\_ **NAME** \_\_\_\_\_ **RATING DATE:** \_\_\_\_\_ **DATE** \_\_\_\_\_

INTERVIEWER: \_\_\_\_\_ **NAME** \_\_\_\_\_ **OFFICAL RATING:** Advanced+-Superior+ Range

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

2. **Functional Descriptor:**

- 2 Superior Superior +: conversation shared and natural; in-depth elaboration  
1 Advanced Plus  
 \_\_\_\_\_ Advanced: generally fluent, shared, conversation; spontaneous elaboration  
 \_\_\_\_\_ Intermediate Plus  
 \_\_\_\_\_ Intermediate: generally 3-to-5 sentences; conversation fairly shared for social and 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: Superior -----Advanced \_\_\_\_\_

4. Independent Rating after 1<sup>st</sup> viewing: Superior (2), Advanced Plus (1) \_\_\_\_\_

5. Independent Rating after 2<sup>nd</sup> viewing; only done if 1<sup>st</sup> ratings not all within 1 level of each other: \_\_\_\_\_

6. Independent Final Rating following discussion: Superior (3) \_\_\_\_\_

7. Linguistic Factors (Form): \_\_\_\_\_

**A. Candidate's Vocabulary Knowledge**

Very broad \_\_\_\_\_ knowledge of basic? sign language vocabulary (

with \_\_\_\_\_ 0 sign selection errors based on meaning (

overuse of \_\_\_\_\_ 0 initialized signs (

and fingerspelled \_\_\_\_\_ 0 words with standard signs (

**B. & C. Candidate's Production & Fluency**

Near native-like \_\_\_\_\_ production of signing at a normal \_\_\_\_\_ rate,

with \_\_\_\_\_ 0 sign production errors

4. Linguistic Factors (Form) (continued):

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**D. Candidate's Use of Grammatical Features**

**Excellent** use of **many** sign language grammatical features, including

- 1) indexing, space, body shifts and eye gaze:
- 2) sign verb movement directionality:
- 3) facial expression and sign movement modification (size, degree, manner, and time):
- 4) repetition of sign verb movement:
- 5) repetition of sign noun movement and vertical and horizontal sweep:
- 6) number incorporation (may include use of timeline):
- 7) listing on non-dominant hand, FINISH, body shifts, and pauses:
- 8) sign word order (rh?; topic-comment; FINISH, MUST, CAN, and NOT at end of comments; conditional; Object-Subject-Verb):
- 9) classifiers:
- 10) non-manual signals (neg. and aff. head movements, yes-no?, wh-?, puffed cheeks, pursed lips/o-o, mm, pah, cs, th, clenched teeth):
- 11) other:
- 12) problems:

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**E. Candidate's Comprehension**

**Excellent** comprehension of sign language produced by interviewer at a **normal** rate,

with **0** repetition(s) and rephrasing(s).

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**SIGN LANGUAGE PROFICIENCY INTERVIEW RATER DISCUSSION WORKSHEET B  
(MAY BE USED WITH SLPI THREE AND TWO RATER TEAM PROCEDURES)**

INTERVIEWEE: \_\_\_\_\_ **NAME** \_\_\_\_\_ **RATING DATE:** \_\_\_\_\_ **DATE** \_\_\_\_\_

INTERVIEWER: \_\_\_\_\_ **NAME** \_\_\_\_\_ **OFFICAL RATING:** Advanced+-Superior+ Range

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

2. **Functional Descriptor:**

- 1 Superior Superior +: conversation shared and natural; in-depth elaboration  
 \_\_\_\_\_ 2 Advanced Plus  
 \_\_\_\_\_ Advanced: generally fluent, shared, conversation; spontaneous elaboration  
 \_\_\_\_\_ Intermediate Plus  
 \_\_\_\_\_ Intermediate: generally 3-to-5 sentences; conversation fairly shared for social and 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: Superior -----Advanced

4. Independent Rating after 1<sup>st</sup> viewing: Superior (1), Advanced Plus (2)

5. Independent Rating after 2<sup>nd</sup> viewing; only done if 1<sup>st</sup> ratings not all within 1 level of each other: \_\_\_\_\_

6. Independent Final Rating following discussion: Superior (1), Advanced Plus (2)

7. Linguistic Factors (Form): \_\_\_\_\_

**A. Candidate's Vocabulary Knowledge**

Very broad \_\_\_\_\_ knowledge of basic? sign language vocabulary (

with \_\_\_\_\_ 0 sign selection errors based on meaning (

overuse of \_\_\_\_\_ 0 initialized signs (

and fingerspelled \_\_\_\_\_ 0 words with standard signs (

**B. & C. Candidate's Production & Fluency**

Very clear \_\_\_\_\_ production of signing at a normal \_\_\_\_\_ rate,

with \_\_\_\_\_ 0 sign production errors

4. Linguistic Factors (Form) (continued):

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**D. Candidate's Use of Grammatical Features**

**Excellent** use of **many** sign language grammatical features, including

- 1) indexing, space, body shifts and eye gaze:
- 2) sign verb movement directionality:
- 3) facial expression and sign movement modification (size, degree, manner, and time):
- 4) repetition of sign verb movement:
- 5) repetition of sign noun movement and vertical and horizontal sweep:
- 6) number incorporation (may include use of timeline):
- 7) listing on non-dominant hand, FINISH, body shifts, and pauses:
- 8) sign word order (rh?; topic-comment; FINISH, MUST, CAN, and NOT at end of comments; conditional; Object-Subject-Verb):
- 9) classifiers:
- 10) non-manual signals (neg. and aff. head movements, yes-no?, wh-?, puffed cheeks, pursed lips/o-o, mm, pah, cs, th, clenched teeth):
- 11) other:
- 12) problems:

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**E. Candidate's Comprehension**

**Excellent** comprehension of sign language produced by interviewer at a **normal** rate,

with **0** repetition(s) and rephrasing(s).

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