

## PERFORMANCE DEFINITIONS AND DESCRIPTORS FOR SCIENCE

### LISTENING

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- a. single statements or questions
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- d. common social and instructional forms and patterns
- e. general science-related vocabulary
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- a. multiple related and simple sentences
- b. an idea with details
- c. compound grammatical constructions
- d. repetitive phrasal and sentence patterns across the science curriculum
- e. general and some specific science vocabulary and expressions, including cognate identification
- f. social and instructional words and expressions across the science curriculum

English Language Learners at the **Developing level** of English language proficiency understand, interpret and evaluate oral language that relates grade-level information, ideas and concepts in a variety of contexts in the content area of Science. The language these students process includes:

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- b. related ideas
- c. compound and some complex grammatical constructions
- d. sentence patterns across the science curriculum
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- f. words or expressions with common collocations and idioms across the science curriculum

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- b. expanded related ideas
- c. a variety of complex grammatical constructions
- d. sentence patterns characteristic of the science curriculum
- e. specific and some technical science content-area language

- f. words and expressions with multiple meanings or collocations and idioms across the science curriculum

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- a. phrases or short sentences
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