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Presentational Writing: Story Narration

		TASK COMPLETION	DELIVERY	LANGUAGE USE
6	EXCELLENT Demonstrates excellence in presentational writing	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Narration includes a thorough and detailed beginning, middle, and end that tell a logical and complete story consistent with stimulus Well organized and coherent, with a clear progression of ideas; use of appropriate transitional elements and cohesive devices; well-connected discourse of paragraph length 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Consistent use of register appropriate to situation 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Rich and appropriate vocabulary and idioms, with minimal errors Wide range of grammatical structures, with minimal errors
5	VERY GOOD Suggests excellence in presentational writing	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Narration includes a beginning, middle, and end that tell a logical and complete story consistent with stimulus Well organized and coherent, with a progression of ideas that is generally clear; some use of transitional elements and cohesive devices; connected discourse of paragraph length 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Consistent use of register appropriate to situation except for occasional lapses 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Appropriate vocabulary and idioms, with sporadic errors Variety of grammatical structures, with sporadic errors
4	GOOD Demonstrates competence in presentational writing	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Narration tells a complete story consistent with stimulus but may lack detail or elaboration or have minor inconsistencies in its logical progression from beginning to end Generally organized and coherent; use of transitional elements and cohesive devices may be inconsistent; discourse of paragraph length, although sentences may be loosely connected 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> May include several lapses in otherwise consistent use of register appropriate to situation 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Mostly appropriate vocabulary and idioms, with errors that do not generally obscure meaning Mostly appropriate grammatical structures, with errors that do not generally obscure meaning
3	ADEQUATE Suggests competence in presentational writing	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Narration tells a basic story consistent with stimulus but may have inconsistencies in its logical progression from beginning to end Portions may lack organization or coherence; infrequent use of transitional elements and cohesive devices; disconnected sentences 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Use of register appropriate to situation is inconsistent or includes many errors 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Limited appropriate vocabulary and idioms, with frequent errors that sometimes obscure meaning; intermittent interference from another language Mostly simple grammatical structures, with frequent errors that sometimes obscure meaning
2	WEAK Suggests lack of competence in presentational writing	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Response characterized by description or listing, with little narration; may be inconsistent with stimulus Scattered information generally lacks organization and coherence; minimal or no use of transitional elements and cohesive devices; fragmented sentences 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Frequent use of register inappropriate to situation 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Minimal appropriate vocabulary, with frequent errors that obscure meaning; repeated interference from another language Limited grammatical structures, with frequent errors that obscure meaning
1	VERY WEAK Demonstrates lack of competence in presentational writing	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Response incomplete and difficult to follow; lacks narrative elements; may be inconsistent with stimulus Lacks organization and coherence; very disjointed sentences or isolated words 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Constant use of register inappropriate to situation 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Insufficient, inappropriate vocabulary, with frequent errors that significantly obscure meaning; constant interference from another language Little or no control of grammatical structures, with frequent errors that significantly obscure meaning
0	UNACCEPTABLE Contains nothing that earns credit	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Completely irrelevant to the stimulus Not in Chinese characters Blank 		

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Interpersonal Writing: E-Mail Response

		TASK COMPLETION	DELIVERY	LANGUAGE USE
6	EXCELLENT Demonstrates excellence in interpersonal writing	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> E-mail addresses all aspects of stimulus with thoroughness and detail Well organized and coherent, with a clear progression of ideas; use of appropriate transitional elements and cohesive devices; well-connected discourse of paragraph length 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Consistent use of register appropriate to situation 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Rich and appropriate vocabulary and idioms with minimal errors Wide range of grammatical structures with minimal errors
5	VERY GOOD Suggests excellence in interpersonal writing	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> E-mail addresses all aspects of stimulus Well organized and coherent, with a progression of ideas that is generally clear; some use of transitional elements and cohesive devices; connected discourse of paragraph length 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Consistent use of register appropriate to situation except for occasional lapses 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Appropriate vocabulary and idioms with sporadic errors Variety of grammatical structures, with sporadic errors
4	GOOD Demonstrates competence in interpersonal writing	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> E-mail addresses all aspects of stimulus but may lack detail or elaboration Generally organized and coherent; use of transitional elements and cohesive devices may be inconsistent; discourse of paragraph length, although sentences may be loosely connected 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> May include several lapses in otherwise consistent use of register appropriate to situation 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Mostly appropriate vocabulary and idioms with errors that do not generally obscure meaning Mostly appropriate grammatical structures, with errors that do not generally obscure meaning
3	ADEQUATE Suggests competence in interpersonal writing	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> E-mail addresses topic directly but may not address all aspects of stimulus Portions may lack organization or coherence; infrequent use of transitional elements and cohesive devices; disconnected sentences 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Use of register appropriate to situation is inconsistent or includes many errors 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Limited appropriate vocabulary and idioms with frequent errors that sometimes obscure meaning; intermittent interference from another language Mostly simple grammatical structures with frequent errors that sometimes obscure meaning
2	WEAK Suggests lack of competence in interpersonal writing	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> E-mail addresses topic only marginally or addresses only some aspects of stimulus Scattered information generally lacks organization and coherence; minimal or no use of transitional elements and cohesive devices; fragmented sentences 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Frequent use of register inappropriate to situation 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Minimal appropriate vocabulary with frequent errors that obscure meaning; repeated interference from another language Limited grammatical structures with frequent errors that obscure meaning
1	VERY WEAK Demonstrates lack of competence in interpersonal writing	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> E-mail addresses stimulus only minimally Lacks organization and coherence; very disjointed sentences or isolated words 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Constant use of register inappropriate to situation 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Insufficient, inappropriate vocabulary with frequent errors that significantly obscure meaning; constant interference from another language Little or no control of grammatical structures with frequent errors that significantly obscure meaning
0	UNACCEPTABLE Contains nothing that earns credit	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Completely irrelevant to the stimulus Not in Chinese characters Blank 		

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Interpersonal Speaking: Conversation

		TASK COMPLETION	DELIVERY	LANGUAGE USE
6	EXCELLENT Demonstrates excellence in interpersonal speaking	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Directly addresses prompt and provides a very thorough and appropriate response; includes elaboration and detail Smoothly connected sentences 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Natural pace and intonation with minimal hesitation or repetition Accurate pronunciation (including tones), with minimal errors Consistent use of register appropriate to situation 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Rich and appropriate vocabulary and idioms with minimal errors Wide range of grammatical structures with minimal errors
5	VERY GOOD Suggests excellence in interpersonal speaking	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Directly addresses prompt and provides a thorough and appropriate response; may include elaboration and detail Connected sentences 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Smooth pace and intonation with occasional hesitation and repetition Occasional errors in pronunciation (including tones) Consistent use of register appropriate to situation except for occasional lapses 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Appropriate vocabulary and idioms with sporadic errors Variety of grammatical structures with sporadic errors
4	GOOD Demonstrates competence in interpersonal speaking	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Directly addresses prompt and provides an appropriate response Sentences may be loosely connected 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Generally consistent pace and intonation with intermittent hesitation and repetition May have several errors in pronunciation (including tones), which do not necessitate special listener effort May include several lapses in otherwise consistent use of register appropriate to situation 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Mostly appropriate vocabulary and idioms with errors that do not generally obscure meaning Mostly appropriate grammatical structures with errors that do not generally obscure meaning
3	ADEQUATE Suggests competence in interpersonal speaking	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Directly addresses prompt and provides a basic but appropriate answer Disconnected sentences 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Inconsistent pace and intonation with hesitation and repetition that interfere with comprehension Errors in pronunciation (including tones) sometimes necessitate special listener effort Use of register appropriate to situation is inconsistent or includes many errors 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Limited appropriate vocabulary and idioms with frequent errors that sometimes obscure meaning; intermittent interference from another language Mostly simple grammatical structures with frequent errors that sometimes obscure meaning
2	WEAK Suggests lack of competence in interpersonal speaking	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Directly addresses prompt and provides an appropriate but incomplete answer Fragmented sentences 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Labored pace and intonation with frequent hesitation and repetition Frequent errors in pronunciation (including tones) necessitate constant listener effort Frequent use of register inappropriate to situation 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Minimal appropriate vocabulary with frequent errors that obscure meaning; repeated interference from another language Limited grammatical structures with frequent errors that obscure meaning
1	VERY WEAK Demonstrates lack of competence in interpersonal speaking	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Addresses prompt minimally or marginally Very disjointed sentences or isolated words 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Very labored pace and intonation with constant hesitation and repetition Frequent errors in pronunciation (including tones) necessitate intense listener effort Constant use of register inappropriate to situation 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Insufficient, inappropriate vocabulary with frequent errors that significantly obscure meaning; constant interference from another language Little or no control of grammatical structures with frequent errors that significantly obscure meaning
0	UNACCEPTABLE Contains nothing that earns credit	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Mere restatement of the prompt Clearly does not respond to the prompt “I don’t know”; “I don’t understand”; “Please repeat”; or equivalent in Chinese Not in Mandarin Chinese Blank (although recording equipment is functioning) or mere sighs 		

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Presentational Speaking: Cultural Presentation

		TASK COMPLETION	DELIVERY	LANGUAGE USE
6	EXCELLENT Demonstrates excellence in presentational speaking and cultural knowledge	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Presentation addresses all aspects of prompt with thoroughness and detail Well organized and coherent, with a clear progression of ideas; use of appropriate transitional elements and cohesive devices; well-connected discourse of paragraph length Cultural information is ample, accurate, and detailed 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Natural pace and intonation with minimal hesitation or repetition Accurate pronunciation (including tones) with minimal errors Consistent use of register appropriate to situation 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Rich and appropriate vocabulary and idioms with minimal errors Wide range of grammatical structures with minimal errors
5	VERY GOOD Suggests excellence in presentational speaking and cultural knowledge	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Presentation addresses all aspects of prompt Well organized and coherent, with a progression of ideas that is generally clear; some use of transitional elements and cohesive devices; connected discourse of paragraph length Cultural information is accurate and detailed 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Smooth pace and intonation with occasional hesitation and repetition Occasional errors in pronunciation (including tones) Consistent use of register appropriate to situation except for occasional lapses 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Appropriate vocabulary and idioms with sporadic errors Variety of grammatical structures with sporadic errors
4	GOOD Demonstrates competence in presentational speaking and cultural knowledge	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Presentation addresses all aspects of prompt but may lack detail or elaboration Generally organized and coherent; use of transitional elements and cohesive devices may be inconsistent; discourse of paragraph length, although sentences may be loosely connected Cultural information is accurate but may lack detail 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Generally consistent pace and intonation with intermittent hesitation and repetition May have several errors in pronunciation (including tones), which do not necessitate special listener effort May include several lapses in otherwise consistent use of register appropriate to situation 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Mostly appropriate vocabulary and idioms with errors that do not generally obscure meaning Mostly appropriate grammatical structures with errors that do not generally obscure meaning
3	ADEQUATE Suggests competence in presentational speaking and cultural knowledge	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Presentation addresses topic directly but may not address all aspects of prompt Portions may lack organization or coherence; infrequent use of transitional elements and cohesive devices; disconnected sentences Cultural information is generally correct but has some inaccuracies 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Inconsistent pace and intonation with hesitation and repetition that interfere with comprehension Errors in pronunciation (including tones) sometimes necessitate special listener effort Use of register appropriate to situation is inconsistent or includes many errors 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Limited appropriate vocabulary and idioms with frequent errors that sometimes obscure meaning; intermittent interference from another language Mostly simple grammatical structures with frequent errors that sometimes obscure meaning
2	WEAK Suggests lack of competence in presentational speaking and cultural knowledge	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Presentation addresses topic only marginally or addresses only some aspects of prompt Scattered information generally lacks organization and coherence; minimal or no use of transitional elements and cohesive devices; fragmented sentences Cultural information has several inaccuracies 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Labored pace and intonation, with frequent hesitation and repetition Frequent errors in pronunciation (including tones) necessitate constant listener effort Frequent use of register inappropriate to situation 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Minimal appropriate vocabulary with frequent errors that obscure meaning; repeated interference from another language Limited grammatical structures with frequent errors that obscure meaning
1	VERY WEAK Demonstrates lack of competence in presentational speaking and cultural knowledge	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Presentation addresses prompt only minimally Lacks organization and coherence; very disjointed sentences or isolated words Cultural information has frequent or significant inaccuracies 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Very labored pace and intonation with constant hesitation and repetition Frequent errors in pronunciation (including tones) necessitate intense listener effort Constant use of register inappropriate to situation 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Insufficient, inappropriate vocabulary with frequent errors that significantly obscure meaning; constant interference from another language Little or no control of grammatical structures with frequent errors that significantly obscure meaning
0	UNACCEPTABLE Contains nothing that earns credit	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Mere restatement of the prompt Clearly does not respond to the prompt; completely irrelevant to the topic Not in Mandarin Chinese Blank (although recording equipment is functioning) or mere sighs 		