The National Literacy Learning Progressions have recently been updated with more detail provided for Speaking and Listening. The Progressions are an especially useful tool which can be used for a number or purposes including tracking student development and providing next steps in the key areas of the **Big Six of Reading**. Oral language is a key aspect of the Big Six of Reading. This document provides a reformatting of the Progressions for Speaking and Listening which can be used for recordkeeping and planning purposes.



Figure 1. Elements and sub-elements of the National Literacy Learning Progression

LISTEN	LISTENING		
Yr.	Level	Indicators	
ation	ECL1a	 shows interest in familiar people events and activities (e.g. tracks the speaker's movements, turns head in the direction of a speaker) 	
Early Communication	ECL1b	 responds consistently to social interactions with familiar people (see Interacting) uses informal responses which can include vocalising, moving, touching (e.g. touches a target object in response to a question or directive) (see Interacting) 	
Pre	LiSı	 responds to a familiar, simple text structure (e.g. indicates yes/no when asked a commonly recurring question such as "Are you hungry?") (see Speaking) uses conventional behaviours to respond, which can include speech, formal gestures and actions (e.g. head nodding and pointing) 	
	LiS2	 responds to short spoken texts relying on key words, obvious cues, tone of voice and intonation follows a simple command repeats familiar words heard in a text or conversation 	
Foundation	LiS3	 listens actively to short texts consisting of a few sentences recalls one or two ideas from a short text or interaction responds to simple statements, commands or questions uses a small range of listening strategies (e.g. asking what, when, why questions about a text they have listened to) responds to subtle tones and cues through facial expressions, gestures and action discriminates individual words in a short, spoken sentence (e.g. identifies 'lunchtime' in 'the meeting for the excursion is at lunchtime') describes familiar objects and actions heard in a text or interaction (e.g. the chicken ate the bug) repeats accurately, short phrases and statements from a short text or interaction recognises and generates one-syllable rhyming words (see Phonological awareness) 	

	LiS4	 responds to simple and predictable texts (see Text complexity)
		recalls specific information from a spoken text (e.g. recalls a message from a school
		assembly announcement)
		responds to literal and simple inferential questions about a spoken text
ЧЧ ЧЧ		□ infers obvious meaning from a simple, spoken text (e.g. identifies character's job as a
		sales assistant from dialogue with a shopper)
		experiments with a small range of listening strategies (e.g. asks speaker to repeat
		information, if unclear)
		uses learnt vocabulary and simple adjectives to recount key ideas from heard text
	LiS5	responds to predictable texts (see Text complexity)
		listens purposefully to texts to identify specific learning area content
		recalls specific information from a learning area text
		attends to sequence when recounting ideas
		□ infers meaning that may be less obvious (e.g. hears background sounds of seagulls and
ਜ		surf to infer beach context)
Yr. 1		describes tone and intonation of spoken text (e.g. she spoke with an angry tone)
		listens to a familiar story and retells, making minor adaptations if needed
		selects appropriate listening strategies (e.g. asking questions to elicit extra information,
		rephrasing others' contributions to check own comprehension)
		listens for cohesive vocabulary to support comprehension (e.g. listens for temporal
		connectives such as first, then, finally and conjunctions such as also to identify next
		section in text)
	LiS6	responds to moderately complex texts (see Text complexity)
		responds to texts with unfamiliar content
Yr. 3/4		identifies main ideas of a spoken text using supporting details
		identifies purpose and intended audience of a spoken text
≻		infers layered meaning from texts (e.g. musical overlay that creates mood)
		asks relevant questions to extend understanding
		describes language and audio features of the text
	LiS7	responds to complex texts (see Text complexity)
		identifies and analyses how spoken language is used for different effects
/ 9		explains the use of intonation, pausing, rhythm and phrasing to give emphasis and weight
Yr. 5		to ideas
→		selects appropriate listening strategies for planned and unplanned situations (e.g. records
		and organises information from a text in a table or with detailed notes)
	1.50	explains how vocabulary is used for impact on the target audience
	LiS8	responds to highly complex texts (see Text complexity)
		identifies and paraphrases key points of a speaker's arguments
		describes their own and others' listening behaviours
18		evaluates strategies used by the speaker to elicit emotional responses
Yr. 7/8		explains any shift in direction, line of argument or purpose made by the speaker
⊢≻		adopts and re-uses complex abstractions heard in texts
		explains how speakers' language can be inclusive or alienating (e.g. a speaker using
		language which is only readily understood by certain user groups such as teenagers or
1	1	people involved in particular pastimes)

INTERACTING		
Yr.	Level	Indicators
Early Communic ation	ECl1a	 interacts using informal behaviours to express a feeling or need (e.g. vocalising, moving, using facial expressions)
Corre	ECl1b	interacts purposefully with familiar people (e.g. refuse or request)
Foundati on	InT1	 shares simple ideas with peers responds to questions in class discussion using non-verbal responses (e.g. nodding) listens without interrupting (see Listening) uses home language or dialect to interact with familiar peers and adults
F-1	InT2	 contributes simple ideas and shares personal experiences to participate in informal group discussions shows signs of active listening, by sustaining attention across a short, spoken text shows beginning awareness of discussion conventions (e.g. pauses when another speaker starts) uses appropriate language or dialect to interact with speakers of the same language
Yr. 1/2	InT3	 actively listens to stay on topic in a small group discussion joins in small group and whole-class discussion asks relevant questions for clarification or to find out others' ideas (e.g. What do you think about that?) takes turns in interactions interacts using appropriate language in pairs or a small group to complete tasks
Yr. 2/3	InT4	 interacts to extend and elaborate ideas in a discussion (e.g. provides an additional example) presents simple ideas clearly in group situations actively encourages or supports other speakers shows awareness of discussion conventions (e.g. uses appropriate language to express agreement and disagreement in class discussions) uses language to initiate interactions in a small group situation (e.g. 'I have an idea')
Yr. 4/5	InT5	 interacts to critically evaluate ideas and refine meaning explains new learning from interacting with others uses a range of strategies for effective dialogue (e.g. questions claims made by a speaker or presents an alternative point to the previous speaker) initiates interactions confidently in group and whole-class discussions poses pertinent questions to make connections between a range of ideas uses open questions to prompt a speaker to provide more information clarifies task goals and negotiates roles in group learning monitors discussion to manage digression from the topic identifies and articulates a point of view of a speaker, to move a conversation forward
Yr. 6/7	InT6	 interacts within school context or the broader community, adjusting language and responses to suit purpose and audience synthesises ideas from group discussion into a common theme or hypothesis poses problems, hypothesises and formulates questions about abstract ideas in group situations restates different views and makes suggestions to negotiate agreement poses questions to clarify assumptions made by the speaker questions others to evaluate accuracy of thinking or problem-solving processes uses language to align the listener with personal position (e.g. of course, as you can imagine, obviously)
Yr. 8/9	InT ₇	 integrate, obviously) interacts strategically and confidently with a broad range of interactional partners gives an extended explanation and evaluation of a complex concept, issue or process justifies a personal stance, after analysis of arguments on a particular issue, using evidence and elaboration in a group situation uses language strategically to subtly align others to own point of view as appropriate to audience and purpose

FLUENCY		
Yr.	Level	Indicators
undati on	FlYı	 reads aloud decodable or familiar texts word by word, with emphasis on one-to-one matching reads with some intonation and expression
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UNDERSTANDING TEXTS		ING TEXTS
Yr.	Level	Indicators

Ľ	ECU1a	shows interest in familiar people, events and activities (e.g. tracks the speaker's
Early Communication		movements, turns head in the direction of the speaker)
	ECU1b	responds consistently to social interactions with familiar people
u		 uses informal responses which can include vocalising, facial expressions, gestures,
Ŭ		moving, touching (e.g. touches a target object in response to a question or directive)
	UnTı	Comprehension
-		demonstrates interest in texts
hoc		recognises images in texts
-sc		recognises some icons or symbols from the environment (e.g. familiar logos)
Pre-school		Vocabulary
_		names familiar objects in texts including texts in the environment (e.g. apple, table, boy)
		names some familiar icons or symbols in the environment (e.g. school crossing sign)
	UnT2	Comprehension
		responds to texts read by a proficient reader
		repeats fragments of text
		invents a spoken text based on images
		Processes
		recognises symbols and words in texts (e.g. recognises own name)
		distinguishes between print and images
		□ shows awareness of correct orientation of text (e.g. holds the book or tablet the right way
		 up) imitates reading behaviour, by turning pages, swiping the screen and inventing own
		version of the text
		Vocabulary
		names familiar objects in texts and adds some detail (e.g. the apple is red)
Ę	UnT ₃	Comprehension
Foundation		listens actively and responds to a range of texts read by others
pu		makes a simple statement about the content of a text (e.g. it was about the farm)
00		engages in group discussion about a text or shared learning experience
ш.		talks about images and/or some printed words in a text
		 answers and poses mainly literal questions about the text
		infers and then describes obvious cause and effect relationships (e.g. uses information in
		the text to infer why a character is smiling in an image)
		Processes
		follows text direction when read to by a proficient reader
		locates the front and back of a book and turns pages correctly
		 locates the starting point for reading on a page or screen uses touch or click features to navigate a text (e.g. clicks arrows to move text along, uses
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		pause/play button to start/stop text, clicks icons to view specific aspects of screen-based texts)
		Vocabulary
		 asks questions to find out meaning of unfamiliar words
		 uses words in discussions that have been encountered in simple texts

	UnT4	Comprehension
		reads and views <u>simple texts</u> with support from a proficient reader (see Text complexity)
		retells a familiar story or shared learning experience
		contributes to group discussion demonstrating understanding of a range of texts read by
		proficient readers
		makes relevant comments or asks relevant questions to demonstrate understanding of a
		text
		 makes connections between texts and personal experiences
		Processes
		uses some phonic and contextual knowledge to decode simple texts (see Phonic lunguated as an division of a spitial sector)
		 knowledge and word recognition) decodes a few words in a text using phonic knowledge (see Phonic knowledge and word
		recognition)
		 identifies taught high frequency words in a text (see Phonic knowledge and word
Ч. Н		recognition)
<u> </u>		demonstrates one-to-one correspondence by pointing to words in a <u>continuous text</u> or in
		the environment (see Phonic knowledge and word recognition)
		tracks text left to right
		uses return sweep
		 consistently reads left page before right page
		makes predictions (e.g. uses the cover of a book or screen image to predict the content)
		identifies simple grammatical features (e.g. identifies verbs in a set of instructions) (see
		Grammar)
		 pauses or appeals for support when meaning is disrupted recognises sentence boundary punctuation (see Punctuation)
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		 demonstrates knowledge of common morphemic word families when reading (e.g.
		identifies the word run in running)
		recognises key content or repeated words in a simple text (see Text complexity)
	UnT5	Comprehension
		 reads and views <u>simple texts</u> independently (see Text complexity)
		Iocates directly stated information
		recounts or describes sequenced ideas or information
		identifies a clearly evident main idea in a simple text
		 listens to texts to engage with learning area content (e.g. a text about family histories) reads and views the content of texts and describes new or learnt information
		 reads and views the content of texts and describes new or learnt information expresses an opinion or preference for a topic or text with a supporting reason
		 draws obvious inferences by integrating print, visual and audio aspects of simple texts (e.g.
		uses images and key words to infer a character's job)
		 identifies some differences between imaginative and informative texts (e.g. different
4		styles of images in a fairy tale and instructions for a game)
Ϋ́		Processes
		uses phonic knowledge, word recognition, sentence structure, punctuation and contextual
		knowledge to read simple texts (see Phonic knowledge and word recognition) (see Text
		complexity)
		reads high frequency words in continuous text
		 reads using sentence features such as word order and sentence boundary punctuation (e.g. question marks)
		 pauses when meaning breaks down and attempts to self-correct
		 passes when meaning breaks down and attempts to sen-correct uses visual and auditory cues to build meaning (e.g. colour, shape and size of images,
		sound effects)
		 selects appropriate reading paths when reading simple texts and navigates simple screen-
		based texts for specific purposes

		Vocabulary
		identifies key words and the meaning they carry (e.g. nouns, verbs)
		makes plausible interpretations of the meaning of unfamiliar words
		understands simple qualifying or emotive words
		uses context to understand homonyms
	UnT6	Comprehension
		reads and views <u>simple texts</u> and some <u>predictable texts</u> (see Text complexity)
		scans texts to locate specific information in a predictable print text
		recounts or describes the most relevant details from a text
		tracks ideas or information throughout the text
		identifies main idea by synthesising information across a simple text
		identifies the arguments in a predictable text
		□ identifies the purpose of predictable informative, imaginative and persuasive texts (e.g.
		uses verbs and dot points to identify a set of instructions)
		draws inferences and explains using background knowledge or text features (e.g. infers
		 character's feelings from actions) makes connections between texts (e.g. compares two versions of a well-known story)
		 integrates new learning from reading with current knowledge (e.g. I know that insects have
		wings, but I didn't know all insects have six legs)
		 predicts the content and purpose of a text based on a range of text features
		Processes
		uses a bank of phonic knowledge and word recognition skills and grammatical and
		contextual knowledge to read simple and predictable texts (see Phonic knowledge and
Yr. 2/3		word recognition)
۲.		recognises when meaning breaks down, pauses and uses phonic knowledge, contextual
		knowledge, and strategies such as repeating words, re-reading and reading on to self-
		correct (see Phonic knowledge and word recognition)
		identifies parts of text used to answer literal and inferential questions
		 uses cohesive devices to connect ideas or events (e.g. tracks pronoun referencing) (see
		Grammar)
		uses phrasing and punctuation to support reading for meaning (e.g. noun, verb and
		adjectival groups) (see Fluency and Grammar)
		 identifies common features in similar texts (e.g. photographs in informative texts)
		Vocabulary
		 uses <u>morphological knowledge</u> to explain words (e.g. help (e.g. base) + less (e.g. suffix) = helpless)
		interprets language devices (e.g. exaggeration or repetition)
		interprets simple imagery (e.g. simile, onomatopoeia)
		 uses context and grammar knowledge to understand unfamiliar words (e.g. the word vast
		in the phrase vast desert)
		identifies words that state opinions (e.g. I think)
		understands the use of common idiomatic or colloquial language in texts (e.g. get your
		head around it)

	UnT ₇	Comprehension
		 reads and views <u>predictable texts</u> (see Text complexity)
		 locates information or details embedded in the text
		 identifies the main idea in a <u>predictable text</u>
		 identifies the purpose of a broad range of informative, imaginative and persuasive texts
		(e.g. advertisements, diary entry)
		 draws inferences and identifies supporting evidence in the text
		monitors the development of ideas using language and visual features (e.g. topic
		sentences, key verbs, graphs)
		recognises that texts can present different points of view
		distinguishes between fact and opinion in texts
		compares and contrasts texts on the same topic to identify how authors represent the
		same ideas differently
		Processes
		integrates phonic knowledge, word recognition skills, grammatical and contextual
4		knowledge to read predictable texts (see Phonic knowledge and word recognition and
Yr. 3/4		Fluency)
۲.		 identifies language and text features that signal purpose in a predictable text (e.g. diagrams, dialogue)
		 uses strategies to predict and confirm meaning (e.g. uses sentence structure to predict
		how ideas will be developed)
		navigates texts using common signposting devices such as headings, subheadings,
		paragraphs, navigation bars and links
		Vocabulary
		interprets creative use of <u>figurative language</u> (e.g. <u>metaphor</u> , <u>simile</u> , <u>onomatopoeia</u>)
		interprets unfamiliar words using grammatical knowledge, morphological knowledge and
		etymological knowledge
		describes the language and visual features of texts using <u>metalanguage</u> (e.g. grammatical terms such as askasian terms)
		terms such as cohesion, tense, noun groups)
		 recognises how synonyms are used to enhance a text (e.g. transport, carry, transfer) draws on knowledge of word origin to work out meaning of discipline specific terms (e.g. universe) recognises how evaluative and modal words are used to influence the reader (e.g. important, should, dirty)

	UnT8	Comprehension
		reads and views some moderately complex texts (see Text complexity)
		 accurately retells a text including most relevant details
		□ identifies main idea and related or supporting ideas in moderately complex texts (see Text
		complexity)
		 evaluates the accuracy within and across texts on the same topic
		explains how authors use evidence and supporting detail to build and verify ideas
		draws inferences and verifies using textual evidence
		Processes
		monitors reading for meaning using grammatical and contextual knowledge (see Fluency)
		explains how textual features support the text's purpose
		□ identifies and explains techniques used to present perspective (e.g. emotive or descriptive
		language, order in which ideas are presented)
		predicts the development of ideas based on a partial read (e.g. predicts the final chapter of
		a narrative, drawing on understanding of the textual features in the previous chapters)
/5		 uses prior knowledge and context to read unknown words (e.g. uses morphemic
Yr. 4 / 5		knowledge of 'explosion' to decode 'explosive' and uses context and knowledge of
Ϋ́		metaphorical use of language to understand 'explosive outburst'.)
		uses knowledge of cohesive devices to track meaning throughout a text (e.g. connectives
		such as however, on the other hand) (see Grammar)
		□ uses knowledge of the features and conventions of the type of text to build meaning (e.g.
		recognises that the beginning of a persuasive text may introduce the topic and the line of
		argument)
		identifies language features used to present opinions or points of view
		 skims and scans texts for key words to track the development of ideas
		 uses sophisticated punctuation to support meaning (e.g. commas to separate clauses in
		complex sentences)
		Vocabulary
		 uses knowledge of prefixes and suffixes to read and interpret unfamiliar words
		identifies how technical and discipline-specific words develop meaning in texts
		analyses the effect of antonyms, synonyms and idiomatic language
		□ understands precise meaning of words with similar connotations (e.g. generous, kind-
		hearted, charitable)
		nearted, charitable)

	UnT9	Comprehension
	onig	 reads and views <u>complex texts</u> (see Text complexity)
		 identifies the main themes or concepts in <u>complex texts</u> by synthesising key ideas or
		information
		summarises the text identifying key details only
		 draws inferences, synthesising clues and evidence across a text
		builds meaning by actively linking ideas from a number of texts or a range of digital sources
		 distils information from a number of texts according to task and purpose (e.g. uses graphic organisers)
		identifies different interpretations of the text citing evidence from a text
		evaluates text features for relevance to purpose and audience
		 analyses texts which have more than one purpose and explains how parts of the text support a particular purpose
		 analyses the use of language appropriate to different types of texts (e.g. compare the use of pun in imaginative and persuasive texts)
9		identifies techniques used to obscure author's purpose (e.g. inclusion or omission of
Yr. 5/6		content)
۲r		Processes
		 uses processes such as predicting, confirming predictions, monitoring, and connecting relevant elements of the text to build or repair meaning
		uses knowledge of a broader range of <u>cohesive devices</u> to track meaning (e.g. word
		associations) (see Grammar)
		selects reading/viewing strategies appropriate to reading purpose (e.g. scans text for
		evidence)
		judiciously selects texts for learning area tasks and purposes
		Vocabulary
		identifies language used to create tone or atmosphere
		analyses language and visual features in texts using <u>metalanguage</u> (e.g. cohesion,
		interpretation, figurative)
		 applies knowledge of <u>root words</u> and <u>word origins</u> to understand the meaning of unfamiliar, discipline-specific words
		 uses a range of context and grammatical cues to understand unfamiliar words
		interprets complex figurative language (e.g. euphemisms, hyperbole)

	UnT10	Comprehension
		reads and views complex or some <u>highly complex texts</u> (see Text complexity)
		interprets abstract concepts integrating complex ideas
		analyses how text features are used to support or conflate the point of view in the text (e.g.
		the strategic use of images such as a cartoon in an editorial)
		 draws inferences using evidence from the text and discounting possible inferences that are not supported by the text
		applies and articulates criteria to evaluate the language structures and features for
		relevance to purpose and audience
		evaluates the reasoning and evidence in a persuasive text
8		explains how context (e.g. time, place, situation) influences interpretations of a text
Yr. 7/8		analyses the author's perspectives in <u>complex</u> or some <u>highly complex texts</u>
۲.		analyses the techniques authors use to position readers
		recognises when ideas or evidence have been omitted from a text to position the reader
		integrates automatically a range of processes such as predicting, confirming predictions, monitoring, and connecting relevant elements of the text to build meaning
		 describes how sophisticated <u>cohesive devices</u> establish patterns of meaning (e.g. class –
		subclass)
		 navigates extended texts including complex digital texts
		Vocabulary
		 demonstrates an understanding of nuances and subtleties in words of similar meaning (e.g.
		frustrated, discouraged, baffled)
		verifies interpretations of unfamiliar words using grammatical and contextual cues
	UnT11	Comprehension
		reads and views <u>highly complex texts</u> (see Text complexity)
		interprets <u>symbolism</u> in texts, providing evidence to justify interpretation
		judiciously selects and synthesises evidence from multiple texts to support ideas and
		arguments
		analyses the credibility and validity of primary and secondary sources
		evaluates the use of devices such as analogy, irony, rhetoric and satire and how they
		contribute to author's individual style
6		analyses the cumulative impact of use of language features and vocabulary across texts
Yr. 8 / 9		explains assumptions, beliefs and implicit values in texts (e.g. economic growth is always
۲r.		desirable)
-		evaluates the social, moral and ethical positions taken in texts
		 strategically adjusts the processes of reading and viewing to build meaning according to the demands of tasks and texts
		identifies subtle contradictions and inconsistencies in texts
		Vocabulary
		interprets complex, formal and impersonal language in academic texts
		uses lexical cues to interpret unfamiliar vocabulary
		 demonstrates self-reliance in exploration and application of word learning strategies

National Literacy Learning Progressions Tracking Sheet

These tracking templates are provided as an example for keeping records for a whole class. Please be aware, that students may not achieve all the indicators from one level before demonstrating achievement at a higher level. They are designed to be indicative of student achievement on a whole, and provide guidance for teaching and learning programmes.

Listening (LiS) Interacting (InT) Speaking (SpK) Name

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