



## ESL Benchmarks

The Alberta K-12 ESL English Language Proficiency Benchmarks are a standard assessment tool used across the province to determine how well English Language Learners are progressing as they develop English.

The ESL Benchmarks measure English proficiency in listening, speaking, reading and writing. There are five levels:

- Level 1 - beginning (beginner)
- Level 2 - developing (high beginner)
- Level 3 - expanding (intermediate)
- Level 4 - bridging (high intermediate)
- Level 5 - extending (advanced)



The Benchmarks are used to report progress to students and parents. They are also used to set language learning goals and to personalize instruction. Teachers use the benchmark descriptions and examples to communicate among themselves about appropriate materials, classroom groupings, and learning supports and strategies for their students.

### Benchmarks Division Level Summaries

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