

PRAGMATICS RATING SCALE

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I. Non-Verbal Aspects of Communication

INTELLIGIBILITY

1	2	3	4	5
Frequent distortion of words. Speech is 0-5% intelligible.		Moderate distortion of words. Speech is 36-65% intelligible.		Normal or near-normal clarity of words. Speech is 95-100% intelligible.

FLUENCY

1	2	3	4	5
Communication is consistently characterized by incomplete utterances, false starts, and cut-off words. Normal fluency occurs 0-5% of the time.		Communication is characterized by few incomplete utterances, false starts and cut-off words. Normal fluency occurs 36-65% of the time.		Normal fluency occurs 95-100% of the time.

PROSODY

1	2	3	4	5
Severely reduced variation of intonation and stress. Normal prosody 0-5% of the time.		Moderately reduced variation of intonation and stress. Normal prosody 36-65% of the time.		Normal variation of intonation and stress 95-100% of the time.

FACIAL EXPRESSION

1	2	3	4	5
Severely reduced variation of facial expression. Normal facial expression 0-5% of the time.		Moderately reduced variation of facial expression. Normal facial expression 36-65% of the time.		Normal variation of facial expression 95-100% of the time.

EYE CONTACT

1	2	3	4	5
Severely reduced eye contact. Normal eye contact 0-5% of the time.		Moderately reduced eye contact. Normal eye contact 36-65% of the time.		Normal variation of eye contact 95-100% of the time.

GESTURE

1	2	3	4	5
Minimal use of gesture or unusually frequent or bizarre gestures that distract from conversation. Normal use of gesture occurs 0-5% of the time.		Limited use of gesture or moderate occurrence of bizarre gestures that distract from conversation. Normal use of gesture occurs 36-65% of the time.		Normal use of gesture to support communication 95-100% of the time.

II Propositional Aspects of Communication

COHESION

1	2	3	4	5
Communication is consistently vague and lacks adequate information or clear referents 95-100% of the time.		Communication is moderately vague and lacks adequate information or clear referents 36-65% of the time.		Communication is consistently clear with ample information for understanding and clear referents 0-5% of the time.

RELEVANCE (topic maintenance)

1	2	3	4	5
Communication is consistently irrelevant to topic. Conversation is relevant 0-5% of the time.		Communication is moderately irrelevant to topic. Conversation is relevant 36-65% of the time.		Communication is consistently relevant to topic 95-100% of the time.

ELABORATION (topic maintenance)

1	2	3	4	5
Severely reduced topic elaboration. Produces consecutive utterances related to a given topic or responds to communication partner's comments 0-5% of the time.		Moderately reduced topic elaboration. Produces consecutive utterances related to a given topic or responds to communication partner's comments 36-65% of the time.		Normal elaboration of topic. Produces consecutive utterances related to a given topic or responds to communication partner's comments 95-100% of the time.

INITIATION (quantity/conciseness)

1	2	3	4	5
Severely reduced initiation of new topics. Initiates new topic where appropriate 0-5% of the time.		Moderately reduced initiation of new topics. Initiates new topic where appropriate 36-65% of the time.		Normal initiation of new topics. Initiates new topics where appropriate 95-100% of the time.

VERBOSITY (quantity/conciseness)

1	2	3	4	5
Communication is consistently characterized by excessive detail or unnecessary repetition of information. Appropriate detail and repetition 0-5% of the time.		Communication is characterized by moderately excessive detail or unnecessary repetition of information. Appropriate detail and repetition 36-65% of the time.		Communication has appropriate amount of detail and repetition of information 95-100% of the time.

III Interactional Aspects of Communication

APPROPRIATENESS (topic management)

1	2	3	4	5
Severe impairment in selecting topics appropriate to context. Topic is appropriate to situational context 0-5% of the time.		Moderate impairment in selecting topics appropriate to context. Topic is appropriate to situational context 36-65% of the time.		Topics introduced in conversation are appropriate to situational context 95-100% of the time.

RESPONSIVENESS (turn-taking)

1	2	3	4	5
Severely increased response latency. Normal response latency occurs 0-5% of the time		Moderately increased response latency. Normal response latency occurs 36-65% of the time.		Normal response latency occurs 95-100% of the time.

INTERRUPTION (turn-taking)

1	2	3	4	5
Consistent interruption of communication partner. Interruption occurs 95-100% of the time.		Moderate interruption of communication partner. Interruption occurs 36-65% of the time.		Minimal interruption of communication partner. Interruption occurs 0-5% of the time.

FEEDBACK

1	2	3	4	5
Severe reduction of verbal or non-verbal response to communication partner. Appropriate feedback occurs 0-5% of the time		Moderately reduced verbal or non-verbal response to communication partner. Appropriate feedback occurs 36-65% of the time.		Normal verbal or non-verbal response to communication partner. Appropriate feedback occurs 95-100% of the time.

REPAIR

1	2	3	4	5
Severely reduced repair of conversational breakdown. Conversational repair occurs 0-5% of the time where appropriate		Moderately reduced repair of conversational breakdown. Repair occurs 36-65% of the time where appropriate.		Normal repair of conversational breakdown. Conversational repair occurs 95-100% of the time where appropriate