## Presentational Writing: Story Narration

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<td>• Naration 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</td>
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<td>• Naration tells a basic story consistent with stimulus but may have inconsistencies in its logical progression from beginning to end</td>
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<td>• Response characterized by description or listing, with little narration; may be inconsistent with stimulus</td>
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<td>• Response incomplete and difficult to follow; lacks narrative elements; may be inconsistent with stimulus</td>
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**Interpersonal Writing: E-mail Response**

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• Smoothly connected sentences | • Natural pace and intonation, with minimal hesitation or repetition  
• Accurate pronunciation (including tones), with minimal errors  
• Consistent use of register appropriate to situation | • 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 | • Directly addresses prompt and provides a thorough and appropriate response; may include elaboration and detail  
• Connected sentences | • 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 | • Appropriate vocabulary and idioms, with sporadic errors  
• Variety of grammatical structures, with sporadic errors |
| 4     | GOOD        | Demonstrates competence in interpersonal speaking | • Directly addresses prompt and provides an appropriate response  
• Sentences may be loosely connected | • 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 | • 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 | • Directly addresses prompt and provides a basic but appropriate answer  
• Disconnected sentences | • 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 | • 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 | • Directly addresses prompt and provides an appropriate but incomplete answer  
• Fragmented sentences | • 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 | • 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 | • Addresses prompt minimally or marginally  
• Very disjointed sentences or isolated words | • 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 | • 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 | • 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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• 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 | • Natural pace and intonation, with minimal hesitation or repetition  
• Accurate pronunciation (including tones), with minimal errors  
• Consistent use of register appropriate to situation | • 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 | • Presentation addresses all aspects of prompt  
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• Cultural information is accurate and detailed | • Smooth pace and intonation, with occasional hesitation and repetition  
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