

Grade 1 Speaking & Listening Essential Elements and “I Can” Statements

Comprehension and Collaboration	
Core Cluster	SL.1.1.a-c Participate in collaborative conversations with diverse partners about grade 1 topics and texts with peers and adults in small and larger groups. a. Follow agreed-upon rules for discussions (e.g., listening to others with care, speaking one at a time about the topics and texts under discussion).
Essential Elements	EE.SL.1.1.a-c Participate in conversations with adults. a. Engage in multiple-turn exchanges with supportive adults.
I Can Learn Level 4	4. I can participate in 3 communication exchanges during a conversation with an adult.
I Can Learn Level 3	3. I can participate in 2 communication exchanges during a conversation with an adult.
I Can Learn Level 2	2. I can give a response to an adult.
I Can Learn Level 1	1. I can respond using an alternative method.
Comprehension and Collaboration	
Core Cluster	SL.1.1.b-c Participate in collaborative conversations with diverse partners about grade 1 topics and texts with peers and adults in small and larger groups. b. Build on others’ talk in conversations by responding to the comments of others through multiple exchanges.
Essential Elements	EE.SL.1.1.b-c Participate in conversations with adults. b. Build on comments or topics initiated by an adult.
I Can Learn Level 4	4. I can add 3 comments to a conversation.
I Can Learn Level 3	3. I can add 2 comments to a conversation.
I Can Learn Level 2	2. I can add a comment to a conversation.
I Can Learn Level 1	1. I can use an alternative communication method to add a comment to a conversation.
Comprehension and Collaboration	
Core Cluster	SL.1.1.c Participate in collaborative conversations with diverse partners about grade 1 topics and texts with peers and adults in small and larger groups. c. Ask questions to clear up any confusion about the topics and texts under discussion.
Essential Elements	EE.SL.1.1.c Participate in conversations with adults. c. Uses one or two words to ask questions related to personally relevant topics.
I Can Learn Level 4	4. I can combine 3 words to ask a question about a topic I like.
I Can Learn Level 3	3. I can combine 2 words to ask a question about a topic I like.
I Can Learn Level 2	2. I can ask one-word questions.
I Can Learn Level 1	1. I can use an alternative communication method to ask a question.
Comprehension and Collaboration	
Core Cluster	SL.1.2 Ask and answer questions about key details in a text read aloud or information presented orally or through other media.
Essential Elements	EE.SL.1.2 During shared reading activities, answer questions about details presented orally or through other media.
I Can Learn Level 4	4. I can correctly answer questions about a familiar story.
I Can Learn Level 3	3. I can correctly answer a question about a familiar story from 3 choices.
I Can Learn Level 2	2. I can correctly answer a question about a familiar story from 2 choices.
I Can Learn Level 1	1. I can attend to a familiar story read aloud.
Comprehension and Collaboration	
Core Cluster	SL.1.3 Ask and answer questions about what a speaker says in order to gather additional information or clarify something that is not understood.
Essential Elements	EE.SL.1.3 Communicate confusion or lack of understanding ("I don't know.").
I Can Learn Level 4	4. I can verbally communicate when I don't know or understand something.
I Can Learn Level 3	3. I can communicate when I don't know or understand something.
I Can Learn Level 2	2. I can respond with a gesture when I don't know or understand something when asked.
I Can Learn Level 1	1. I can show adults that I don't know when asked.

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Presentation of Knowledge and Ideas	
Core Cluster	SL.1.4 Describe people, places, things, and events with relevant details, expressing ideas and feelings clearly.
Essential Elements	EE.SL.1.4 Identify familiar people, places, things, and events.
I Can Learn Level 4	4. I can name familiar people, places, things, and events.
I Can Learn Level 3	3. I can name familiar people, places, things, or events.
I Can Learn Level 2	2. I can respond to familiar people and things.
I Can Learn Level 1	1. I can attend to familiar people and things.
Presentation of Knowledge and Ideas	
Core Cluster	SL.1.5 Add drawings or other visual displays to descriptions when appropriate to clarify ideas, thoughts, and feelings.
Essential Elements	EE.SL.1.5 Add or select drawings or other visual or tactual displays that relate to familiar people, places, things, and events.
I Can Learn Level 4	4. I can choose a picture or drawing about people, places, things, and events that I know.
I Can Learn Level 3	3. I can choose a picture or drawing about people, places, things, or events that I know.
I Can Learn Level 2	2. I can choose a picture or drawing about people, places, things, or events that I know when given three choices.
I Can Learn Level 1	1. I can attend to objects that I am familiar with.
Presentation of Knowledge and Ideas	
Core Cluster	SL.1.6 Produce complete sentences when appropriate to task and situation.
Essential Elements	EE.SL.1.6 With guidance and support, provide more information to clarify ideas, thoughts, and feelings.
I Can Learn Level 4	4. I can communicate ideas, thoughts, and feelings.
I Can Learn Level 3	3. I can communicate ideas, thoughts, and feelings.
I Can Learn Level 2	2. I can express my ideas, thoughts, and feelings.
I Can Learn Level 1	1. I can show my likes and dislikes.