	Discourse Level	Sentence Level	Word/Phrase Level
	Linguistic Complexity	Language Forms and Conventions	Vocabulary Usage
	Level 6 - Reaching La	nguage that meets all criteria through Level 5 - Bric	lging
Level 5 Bridging	 Rich descriptive discourse with complex sentences Cohesive and organized related ideas 	 Compound, complex grammatical constructions (e.g., multiple phrases and clauses) A broad range of sentence patterns characteristic of particular content areas 	 Technical and abstract content-area language, including content-specific collocations Words and expressions with shades of meaning across content areas
Level 4 Expanding	 Connected discourse with a variety of sentences Expanded related ideas 	 A variety of complex grammatical constructions Sentence patterns characteristic of particular content areas 	 Specific and some technical content-area language Words or expressions with multiple meanings across content areas
Level 3 Developing	 Discourse with a series of extended sentences Related ideas 	 Compound and some complex (e.g., noun phrase, verb phrase, prepositional phrase) grammatical constructions Sentence patterns across content areas 	 Specific content language, including expressions Words and expressions with common collocations and idioms across content areas
Level 2 Emerging	Multiple related simple sentencesAn idea with details	 Compound grammatical constructions Repetitive phrasal and sentence patterns across content areas 	 General content words and expressions, including cognates Social and instructional words and expressions across content areas
Level 1 Entering	 Single statements or questions An idea within words, phrases, or chunks of language 	 Simple grammatical constructions (e.g., commands, Wh- questions, declaratives) Common social and instructional forms and patterns 	 General content-related words Everyday social and instructional words and expressions

...within sociocultural contexts for language use.

