MFL Speaking Step 9-1 Descriptors

Step	Descriptor
9	To achieve a Step 9 candidates will be able to: • Have an excellent knowledge of language • Have an excellent knowledge of different topics • An excellent wide range of vocabulary and complex grammatical structures • Use a wide range of tenses • Be able to narrate events • Speak without ambiguity • High level of spontaneity • Use different idiomatic phrases • Have very clear pronunciation and clarity of phrases • Speak very fluently and accurately
8	To achieve a Step 8 candidates will be able to: • Have an excellent knowledge of language • Have an excellent knowledge of different topics • An excellent wide range of vocabulary and complex grammatical structures • Use a good range of tenses • Be able to narrate events • Speak without ambiguity • Good level of spontaneity • Use a few idiomatic phrases • Have very clear pronunciation and clarity of phrases • Speak fluently and accurately
7	To achieve a Step 7 candidates will be able to: • Have a very good knowledge of language • Have a very good knowledge of different topics • An excellent range of vocabulary and some complex grammatical structures • Use a range of tenses • Speak without ambiguity • Good level of spontaneity • Narrate events • Have very clear pronunciation and clarity of phrases • Good level of fluency and accuracy
6	To achieve a Step 6 candidates will be able to: • Have a very good knowledge of language • Have a very good knowledge of different topics • An excellent range of vocabulary and some complex grammatical structures • Use a range of tenses • Speak without ambiguity but with some minor errors although the message is still clear • Good level of spontaneity • Narrate events • Have very clear pronunciation and clarity of phrases • Good level of fluency with some hesitation and a good level of accuracy
5	To achieve a Step 5 candidates will be able to: • Have a very good knowledge of language • Have a very good knowledge of different topics • A range of vocabulary and use of different connectives • Use of opinions and reasons • Evidence of more than one tense • Speak without ambiguity but with some minor errors although the message is still clear • Some spontaneity and some pre learnt answers • Good pronunciation with some inconsistency although the message is still clear

		• Some fluency with some hesitation and a good level of accuracy although some simple errors occur
4	To achieve a Step 4 candidates will be able to:	
	• Have a good knowledge of language	
	• Have a good knowledge of different topics	
	• A range of vocabulary and use of different connectives	
	• Use of opinions and reasons	
	• Evidence of more than one tense	
	• Speak reasonably clearly though with more frequent minor errors although the message is mainly clear, though at times there may be ambiguity	
	• Some spontaneity but more pre learnt answers	
	• Reasonably good pronunciation with some inconsistency although the message is still clear	
	• Some fluency with some hesitation and more accurate than inaccurate although some simple errors occur more frequently	
3	To achieve a Step 3 candidates will be able to:	
	• Have some knowledge of language ⬜ Have some knowledge of different topics	
	• Use some vocabulary and some connectives	
	• Use some opinions and reasons	
	• Evidence of only one tense – present tense	
	• More ambiguous answers with more minor errors and some major errors though the message is often clear	
	• Less spontaneity and many pre learnt answers	
	• Reasonable pronunciation with some inconsistency although the message is still clear mostly some communication may be hindered	
	• Less fluency with more hesitation	
	• Some level of accuracy although errors, both major and minor may occur frequently	
2	To achieve a Step 2 candidates will be able to:	
	• Have a limited knowledge of language	
	• Have a limited knowledge of different topics	
	• Use limited vocabulary and some connectives	
	• Use limited opinions and reasons	
	• Evidence of only one tense – present tense	
	• Limited answers with more minor errors and some major errors though the message is often clear	
	• Limited spontaneity and some pre learnt answers	
	• pronunciation errors more frequent and communication may be hindered	
	• Limited fluency with lots of hesitation and a limited level of accuracy, both major and minor occur more and more frequently.	
1	To achieve a Step 1 candidates will be able to:	
	• Have little knowledge of language	
	• Have little knowledge of different topics	
	• Use little vocabulary / connectives	
	• Use simple opinions	
	• Evidence of only one tense – present tense	
	• Very short answers with lots of major errors, message is difficult to understand	
	• No spontaneity and only very short pre learnt answers	
	• Serious pronunciation errors, message is difficult to understand	
	• No fluency with lots of hesitation and highly inaccurate, both major and minor occur more and more frequently.	