

**Basic Communication Certificate in English (BCCE)**  
**Speaking Section Scoring Rubrics: Descriptors of Salient Features**

	<b>Interaction</b>	<b>Fluency</b>	<b>Grammar</b>	<b>Vocabulary</b>
Focus	Contribution Understanding	Length of utterances Interlocutor support Hesitations Pronunciation	Range Accuracy	Range Accuracy
5 HIGH PASS  Effective Speaker	Consistently contributes effectively to communication  Performs and responds to basic language functions by expressing opinions and attitudes with reasonable precision and supporting details  Consistently relevant contributions Consistently understands interlocutor	Sustains interaction effectively without interlocutor support  Expresses self with relative ease  Hesitations mainly observed when forming longer responses  Pronunciation does not impede communication	A repertoire of frequently-used structures even when conveying ideas on less routine situations  Good control of a repertoire of frequently used patterns and structures throughout  Few minor grammatical inaccuracies that do not impede communication	Sufficient vocabulary even when conveying opinion on less routine topics  Good control of both common and less common vocabulary even when expressing opinion on less routine topics  Few minor errors in vocabulary usage of less routine vocabulary that do not impede communication
4 PASS  Good Speaker	Contributes effectively to communication  Performs and responds to basic language functions by expressing opinions and attitudes by providing some supporting details  Mostly relevant contributions Mainly understands interlocutor	Sustains interaction mostly without interlocutor support  Some hesitations observed when forming shorter responses  Pronunciation may cause some strain, but does not impede communication	A repertoire of frequently-used structures when conveying ideas on routine situations, but limitations on repertoire of structures may exist when addressing less routine situations  Good control of a repertoire of basic structures when addressing routine situations with occasional grammatical inaccuracies when addressing less routine situations  Errors in the "less routine" structures may be noticeable but do not impede communication	Sufficient vocabulary when dealing with routine topics, but lexical limitations may exist when conveying ideas on less routine topics  Overall good control over usage of simple vocabulary with occasional errors when dealing with less routine topics  Errors do not impede communication
3 LOW PASS  Satisfactory Speaker	Contributes satisfactorily to communication  Performs and responds to basic language functions, such as information exchange and requests, and expresses opinions and attitudes in a simple way  Usually relevant contributions  Initiates, maintains, and closes simple face-to-face conversations  Understands interlocutor, but may need clarification at times	Sustains interaction usually without interlocutor support  Hesitations may interrupt flow of communication at times  Pronunciation may cause strain and may impede communication at times	A repertoire of frequently-used structures when conveying ideas on routine situations  Grammatical structure limitations become obvious when addressing less routine situations  Basic errors throughout do not generally impede communication	Sufficient vocabulary to address routine topics, but lexical limitations become obvious when conveying more complex opinions or addressing less routine situations  Basic errors in vocabulary usage when conveying more complex beliefs do not impede communication
2 NARROW FAIL  Limited Speaker	Has difficulty in contributing to communication.  Has difficulty in responding to basic language functions and expressing opinions and attitudes  Few relevant contributions  Understands interlocutor when input is simplified	Has difficulty in sustaining interaction in longer contributions  Usually sustains interaction with interlocutor support  Produces very short contributions  Frequent long hesitations may interrupt flow of communication  Pronunciation causes severe strain and may impede communication	Limited repertoire of very frequently-used structures even when conveying ideas on routine situations  Basic errors throughout impose difficulty in getting the message across	Limited vocabulary often used repeatedly even when conveying simple ideas related to routine topics  Errors in usage of basic vocabulary impose difficulty in getting message across
1 FAIL  Ineffective Speaker	Usually contributes to communication by answering "yes" or "no"  Irrelevant contributions  Understands interlocutor only when input is simplified and delivered slowly	Has difficulty in sustaining interaction in both simple and longer contributions despite interlocutor support  Consistently needs interlocutor support to sustain interaction  Very long hesitations interrupt flow of communication  Communication breakdowns are frequent  Pronunciation seriously impedes communication	Very limited repertoire of very frequently-used structures even when conveying ideas on routine situations  No control over usage and accuracy of basic grammatical structures  Basic errors throughout impede communication	Very limited vocabulary inhibits communication of ideas even on very routine topics  No control over usage of basic vocabulary  Basic errors throughout impede communication
0	No attempt to communicate ideas  No assessable language	No attempt to communicate ideas  No assessable language	No attempt to communicate ideas  No assessable language	No attempt to communicate ideas  No assessable language