**Criterium d: using language**

At the end of year 2, students should be able to:

i. use appropriate and varied vocabulary, sentence structures and forms of expression

ii. write and speak in an appropriate register and style

iii. use correct grammar, syntax and punctuation

iv. spell (alphabetic languages), write (character languages) and pronounce with accuracy

v. use appropriate non-verbal communication techniques.

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| **Achievement level** | **Level descriptor** |
| 0 | The student **does not** reach a standard described by any of the descriptors below. |
| 1–2 | The student:  i. uses a **limited** range of appropriate vocabulary and forms of expression  ii. writes and speaks in an **inappropriate** register and style that **do not** serve the context and intention  iii. uses grammar, syntax and punctuation with limited accuracy; errors **often hinder** communication  iv. spells/writes and pronounces with limited accuracy; errors **often hinder** communication  v. makes **limited and/or inappropriate** use of non-verbal communication techniques. |
| 3–4 | The student:  i. uses an **adequate** range of appropriate vocabulary, sentence structures and forms of expression  ii. **sometimes** writes and speaks in a register and style that serve the context and intention  iii. uses grammar, syntax and punctuation with **some degree** of accuracy; errors **sometimes hinder** communication  iv. spells/writes and pronounces with **some degree** of accuracy; errors **sometimes hinder** communication  v. makes **some** use of appropriate non-verbal communication techniques. |
| 5–6 | The student:  i. uses a **varied range** of appropriate vocabulary, sentence structures and forms of expression **competently**  ii. writes and speaks **competently** in a register and style that serve the context and intention  iii. uses grammar, syntax and punctuation with a **considerable degree** of accuracy; errors **do not hinder** effective communication  iv. spells/writes and pronounces with a **considerable degree** of accuracy; errors **do not hinder** effective communication  v. makes **sufficient** use of appropriate non-verbal communication techniques. |
| 7–8 | The student:  i. **effectively** uses a varied range of appropriate vocabulary, sentence structures and forms of expression  ii. writes and speaks in a **consistently appropriate** register and style that serve the context and intention  iii. uses grammar, syntax and punctuation with a **high degree** of accuracy; errors are minor and communication is **effective**  iv. spells/writes and pronounces with a **high degree** of accuracy; errors are minor and communication is **effective**  v. makes **effective** use of appropriate non-verbal communication techniques. |