

How to use this form

Use this sheet to review your own performance in the seven key skill areas assessed in the dialogue tasks. We recommend you watch to your performance the whole way through once without stopping to get an overall impression, preferably a few days after you have recorded yourself. That way you will have a clearer idea of whether your language was clear and easy for the audience to comprehend. After this, watch a second time to identify specific examples.

Enter your examples and reflections in the tables below.

Dialogue Tasks

Meaning Transfer

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Note any (unjustified) omissions here:	Examples:

Note any (unjustified) insertions here:	Examples:	
Considering your overall performance, how would you describe the impact of any errors on the overall meaning transfer?	☐ Minor	☐ Significant
How would you describe the purpose of the conversation?	Purpose:	
Would any of the errors have been an obstacle to achieving that purpose? Why?	☐ Yes Comment:	□ No
Did the interpretation match the language profile of the Auslan user? If not, why not?	Comment:	

Application of Interpreting Modes (Simultaneous mode)

What is it?

Application of mode is about your ability to process linguistic inputs into linguistic outputs. It is demonstrated by:

- using appropriate processing time
- minimising false starts and repairs
- using direct speech
- not talking to yourself

What do I need to do to pass in this skill?

For a **Band 2**, you must **mostly** demonstrate competence in the use of the simultaneous, and apply the accepted techniques as listed above. You can receive a **Band 3** in this skill (show **some** ability to apply the consecutive dialogue mode) and still pass the task, as long as all other skills receive a Band 2 or above.

Was the processing time appropriate?	☐ Yes Comment:	□ No, too long	□ No, too short
Was all interpreting in direct speech rather than reported speech? (i.e. in the first person?)	☐ Yes Comment:	☐ Some reported speech	☐ Frequent reported speech
Were there any false starts? (i.e. starting to interpret, then re-starting)	☐ Few Examples:	□ Several	□ Frequent
Were there repairs ? (i.e. was the same thing conveyed in different ways more than once?)	☐ Few Examples:	□ Several	□ Frequent

Interactional Management

What is it?

Managing the interaction includes:

- being polite and efficient when asking for a pause, repetition or clarification
- making sure participants take turns and talk directly to each other
- correcting interpreting mistakes
- **keeping everyone informed** of what is happening.

In this practice task, you are using a pre-recorded conversation and are in control of pausing the speaker (through the hearing interpreter) and the deaf client and repeating what they say, which means that you will not be able to review all aspects of your interactional management technique (e.g. asking for clarifications and judging the effectiveness of your technique).

When you do pause the recording in order to interpret or repeat material, we recommend you practice signing your request for a pause or repetition, informing the other party of what you are doing, and asking the relevant party to continue.

What do I need to do to pass in this skill?

To receive a Band 2 in this skill, you need to mostly manage the communication politely and efficiently and maintain the flow of the interaction. You can receive a Band 3 in this skill (show some ability to manage the interaction) and still pass the task, as long as all other skills receive a Band 2 or above.

Cutting in (if applicable)

Considering how you asked both parties to pause, were you polite, clear and brief?	☐ Yes/mostly Comment:	☐ Sometimes	□ Never/rarely
Considering when you cut in, was it at appropriate moments (i.e. when the speaker/signer had finished their utterance)?	☐ Yes/mostly Comment:	☐ Sometimes	☐ Never/rarely
Did you ask the role-players to continue after interpreting the segment?	☐ Yes/mostly Comment:	☐ Sometimes	☐ Never/rarely

Did the frequency and/or timing of the cut-ins (requests to pause or repeat) disrupt the flow of the conversation?	☐ No/minimally Comment:	□ Somewhat	□ Yes
Repetitions (if applicable)			
Considering how you asked the role-players to repeat, were you polite, brief and specific (able to identify which part needed to be repeated)? Was the remembered content (before the repetition request) interpreted first, before asking for a repetition?	☐ Yes/mostly Comment:	☐ Sometimes	□ Never/rarely
How many times did you need a repetition? If more than a few times, why? (e.g. let a role-player go on for too long, loss of concentration, content very	☐ None/a few Comment:	□ Some	☐ Frequently
dense, etc.)			
Did you inform the other participant of what was happening when asking for a repetition?	☐ Yes/mostly Comment:	☐ Sometimes	□ Never/rarely
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Ciarifications (if applicable)			
Were there terms you would have liked to clarify?	☐ None/a few	☐ Some	☐ Many
	Comment:		
If more than a few, why? (e.g., unfamiliar/unknown			
vocabulary, role-players not			
clear, lack of concentration,			
content very complex, etc.)			
Self-corrections			
Did you need to self-correct	☐ Never/rarely	☐ Sometimes	☐ Yes/frequently
yourself at any time when interpreting?	Comment:		
Did you inform the	☐ Yes/mostly	☐ Sometimes	☐ Never/rarely
participants of the error and	Comment:	□ 30illetiilles	
the correction?			
Over/under-management			
Overall, would you say you overmanaged or under-	☐ Under-managed	☐ Over-managed	☐ Neither ☐ Both
managed this interaction?	Comment:		
Why?			
If you interpreted in this situation again, what would	Comment:		
you have done differently in			
your preparation or			
performance?			

Delivery
What is it? Good delivery includes signing smoothly (not too much hesitation), maintaining readable sign production (including fingerspelling), and conveying the affect of the deaf client and the tone of the speaker.
What do I need to do to pass in this skill? Mostly demonstrate good use of signed delivery techniques. The delivery should be easy to watch.

This is a list of strengths in the delivery skill.	☐ Clear voice	☐ Good projection	☐ Good pace
How would you describe your delivery? Tick all that apply.	☐ Appropriate affect Comment:	☐ Good volume	☐ Smooth
Were you stronger in one language than another?			
This is a list of problem areas	☐ Too slow	☐ Hesitant	•
in the delivery skill.	☐ Too fast	· · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · ·	oo many, too long,
Tick any that you noticed.	□ Uneven	poorly time	•
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Were there more problems in	☐ Too loud☐ Inappropriate tone/sty	_	•
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Did the problems make the interpretation hard to listen to or understand?			
How would you describe your overall performance in this skill area?	☐ Good ability ☐ Comment:	Some ability 🗌 Li	mited ability
What are your main strengths and problem areas in the delivery skill? What is causing these (e.g. confidence, language proficiency, uncertainty)?			

Language Proficiency Enabling Meaning Transfer - Auslan

What is it?

Language proficiency includes good grammar, correct use of signs, and being easy to understand.

What do I need to do to pass in this skill?

Your language must be mostly correct and natural. Any cases of unnatural and/or incorrect language should only have a minor impact on the overall quality of the communication and not impact the understanding of the target language.

Were there any grammar and/or syntax errors? (e.g. verb agreement, gender, pronouns, structure)	☐ None/Few Examples:	□ Several	□ Frequent
Were the sign choices and lexicon correct? (e.g. contextually incorrect signs, use of non-standard signs, inappropriate borrowing of English through fingerspelling)	☐ Yes/Mostly Examples :	□ Sometimes	□ Not often
Were there any style or register issues (e.g. too formal or too informal), was it the appropriate language for the setting or target audience?	☐ Appropriate Examples:	□ Mixed	□ Inappropriate
Were there unidiomatic or awkward constructions?	□ None/Few Examples:	□ Several	□ Frequent
Considering the overall language quality, how would you describe the impact of errors?	☐ Minor Comment:	☐ Significant	☐ Frequent
Were there any instances of language that was hard to understand?	☐ Yes Example:	□ No	

Language Proficiency Enabling Meaning Transfer - NCSL

What is it?

The skill to use visual/gestural communication techniques, unpack terms and concepts, recognise and adapt to conceptual gaps, and mirror the signs (including fingerspelling) used by the deaf client.

What do I need to do to pass in this skill?

Your technique must be correct and appropriate. Any cases of poor technique should have only a minor impact on the overall quality of the communication.

Were visual/gestural communication techniques used (as opposed to Auslan)?	☐ Consistently Examples:	☐ Sometimes	□ Rarely
Were complex terms and concepts unpacked?	☐ Yes/Mostly Examples:	□ Sometimes	□ Not often
Were the signs (including fingerspelling) mirrored?	☐ Yes Examples:	☐ Mostly	□ No
Were there instances where NCSL was not used or not used appropriately?	□ None/Few Examples:	□ Several	☐ Frequent

Sight Translations into NCSL

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