Proficiency is the ability to use language for real –life purposes and in culturally authentic ways.

Language proficiency is defined by what an individual can do, independently, with acquired reading, writing, listening, and speaking skills in non-rehearsed situations.

The proficiency continuum represents degrees of fluency and accuracy in Interpretive, Interpersonal, and Presentational Modes of Communication.

An individual's language proficiency reflects their ability to use informal and formal, social and academic language for developmentally appropriate purposes.