

**Sign Language Proficiency Interview (SLPI) Discussion Worksheet B
(To Be Used With SLPI Two and Three Rater Team Procedures)**

Candidate: _____ Rating Date: _____

Interviewer: _____ Official Rating: _____

1. **Functional Range:** Above Intermediate or At Intermediate or Below Intermediate

2. **Functional Descriptor:**

- ____ Superior/Superior +: conversation shared and natural; in-depth elaboration
- ____ Advanced Plus
- ____ Advanced: generally fluent, shared, conversation; spontaneous elaboration
- ____ Intermediate Plus
- ____ Intermediate: generally 3-to-5 sentences; conversation fairly shared for social/work topics
- ____ Survival Plus
- ____ Survival: generally 1-to-3 sentence responses with many questions by interviewer required
- ____ Novice Plus
- ____ Novice: one sign, short phrases, single sentence, memorized like signing
- ____ No Functional Skills: (may be) some one sign, single phrase responses

Both function and form considered for ratings #3-to#6:

3. **Possible Final Ratings:** _____ / _____

4. **Independent Ratings after 1st viewing:** _____

5. *Was a 2nd viewing needed?* If yes, 2nd viewing independent ratings: _____

6. **Independent Final Ratings following discussion:** _____

7. **Linguistic Factors (Form):** _____

A. Candidate's Vocabulary Knowledge

How broad? _____ Examples:

How many sign selection errors based on meaning? _____ Examples:

How many inappropriately initialized signs? _____ Examples:

How many fingerspelled words that have standard signs? _____ Examples:

B & C. Candidate's Production & Fluency

How clear is the candidate's production and fluency? _____

At what signing rate? _____

How many sign production errors? (a few, some, etc.) _____ Examples:

7. Linguistic Factors (Form) (continued):

D. Candidate's Use of Grammatical Features

Candidate showed _____ use of _____ sign language grammatical features, including:

- 1) Indexing, space, body shifts, and eye gaze for comparison/contrast, to locate and refer to people, places, and objects present and not present, and role play
- 2) Sign verb movement directionality for location and pronoun incorporation:
- 3) Facial expression and sign movement modification for size, degree, manner, and temporal aspect/time:
- 4) Repetition of sign verb movement for repeated action:
- 5) Repetition of sign noun movement and vertical and horizontal sweep for plurals:
- 6) Number incorporation for people, age, and time (may include use of timeline):
- 7) Listing on non-dominant hand, FINISH, body shifts, and pauses for connecting ideas, separating ideas, and sequencing of events:
- 8) Sign word order for rhetorical (rh) question; topic-comment, conditional, and object-subject-verb; also, FINISH, MUST, CAN, and NOT at end of comments:
- 9) Classifiers following nouns for (a) description; (b) location and relationship of people, animals, things, and places; (c) actions of people, animals, and objects; and (d) how something is used or functions:
- 10) Non-manual signals for negation, affirmation, yes-no?, wh-?, and adjectives and adverbs (puffed cheeks, pursed lips/o-o, mm, pah, cs, th and clenched teeth):
- 11) Other *Positive* Grammar Use _____

Areas Needing Improvement _____

E. Candidate's Comprehension

Candidate showed _____ comprehension of sign language produced by interviewer at a _____ rate, with _____ repetition(s) and rephrasing(s).