

The Three Modes of Communication:

- **Interpersonal Communication:** Learners interact and negotiate meaning in spoken or written conversations to share information, reactions, feelings, and opinions.
- **Interpretive Communication:** Learners understand, interpret, and analyze what is heard, read, or viewed on a variety of topics.
- **Presentational Communication:** Learners present information, concepts, and ideas to inform, explain, persuade, and narrate on a variety of topics using appropriate media and adapting to various audiences of listeners, readers, or viewers.

ACTFL Can-Do Statements for each mode of communication:

LEVEL \ MODE	INTERPERSONAL COMMUNICATION	PRESENTATIONAL SPEAKING	PRESENTATIONAL WRITING	INTERPRETIVE LISTENING	INTERPRETIVE READING
NOVICE LOW	I can communicate on some very familiar topics using single words and phrases that I have practiced and memorized. Can Do Statement (PDF)	I can present information about myself and some other very familiar topics using single words or memorized phrases. Can Do Statement (PDF)	I can copy some familiar words, characters, or phrases. Can Do Statement (PDF)	I can recognize a few memorized words and phrases when I hear them spoken. Can Do Statement (PDF)	I can recognize a few letters or characters. I can identify a few memorized words and phrases when I read. Can Do Statement (PDF)
NOVICE MID	I can communicate on very familiar topics using a variety of words and phrases that I have practiced and memorized. Can Do Statement (PDF)	I can present information about myself and some other very familiar topics using a variety of words, phrases, and memorized expressions. Can Do Statement (PDF)	I can write lists and memorized phrases on familiar topics. Can Do Statement (PDF)	I can recognize some familiar words and phrases when I hear them spoken. Can Do Statement (PDF)	I can recognize some letters or characters. I can understand some learned or memorized words and phrases when I read. Can Do Statement (PDF)
NOVICE HIGH	I can communicate and exchange information about familiar topics using phrases and simple sentences, sometimes supported by memorized language. I can usually handle short social interactions in everyday situations by asking and answering simple questions. Can Do Statement (PDF)	I can present basic information on familiar topics using language I have practiced using phrases and simple sentences. Can Do Statement (PDF)	I can write short messages and notes on familiar topics related to everyday life. Can Do Statement (PDF)	I can often understand words, phrases, and simple sentences related to everyday life. I can recognize pieces of information and sometimes understand the main topic of what is being said. Can Do Statement (PDF)	I can understand familiar words, phrases, and sentences within short and simple texts related to everyday life. I can sometimes understand the main idea of what I have read. Can Do Statement (PDF)