# **AP Chinese Language** and Culture

**Scoring Guidelines** 

### **Presentational Writing: Story Narration**

	TASK COMPLETION	DELIVERY	LANGUAGE USE
6 EXCELLENT Demonstrates excellence in presentational writing	<ul> <li>Narration includes a thorough and detailed beginning, middle, and end that tell a logical and complete story consistent with stimulus</li> <li>Well organized and coherent, with a clear progression of ideas; use of appropriate transitional elements and cohesive devices; well-connected discourse of paragraph length</li> </ul>	Consistent use of register appropriate to situation	<ul> <li>Rich and appropriate vocabulary and idioms, with minimal errors</li> <li>Wide range of grammatical structures, with minimal errors</li> </ul>
5 VERY GOOD Suggests excellence in presentational writing	<ul> <li>Narration includes a beginning, middle, and end that tell a logical and complete story consistent with stimulus</li> <li>Well organized and coherent, with a progression of ideas that is generally clear; some use of transitional elements and cohesive devices; connected discourse of paragraph length</li> </ul>	Consistent use of register appropriate to situation except for occasional lapses	<ul> <li>Appropriate vocabulary and idioms, with sporadic errors</li> <li>Variety of grammatical structures, with sporadic errors</li> </ul>
4 GOOD Demonstrates competence in presentational writing	<ul> <li>Narration tells a complete story consistent with stimulus but may lack detail or elaboration or have minor inconsistencies in its logical progression from beginning to end</li> <li>Generally organized and coherent; use of transitional elements and cohesive devices may be inconsistent; discourse of paragraph length, although sentences may be loosely connected</li> </ul>	May include several lapses in otherwise consistent use of register appropriate to situation	<ul> <li>Mostly appropriate vocabulary and idioms, with errors that do not generally obscure meaning</li> <li>Mostly appropriate grammatical structures, with errors that do not generally obscure meaning</li> </ul>
3 ADEQUATE Suggests competence in presentational writing	<ul> <li>Narration tells a basic story consistent with stimulus but may have inconsistencies in its logical progression from beginning to end</li> <li>Portions may lack organization or coherence; infrequent use of transitional elements and cohesive devices; disconnected sentences</li> </ul>	Use of register appropriate to situation is inconsistent or includes many errors	<ul> <li>Limited appropriate vocabulary and idioms, with frequent errors that sometimes obscure meaning; intermittent interference from another language</li> <li>Mostly simple grammatical structures, with frequent errors that sometimes obscure meaning</li> </ul>
2 WEAK Suggests lack of competence in presentational writing	<ul> <li>Response characterized by description or listing, with little narration; may be inconsistent with stimulus</li> <li>Scattered information generally lacks organization and coherence; minimal or no use of transitional elements and cohesive devices; fragmented sentences</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>Frequent use of register inappropriate to situation</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>Minimal appropriate vocabulary, with frequent errors that obscure meaning; repeated interference from another language</li> <li>Limited grammatical structures, with frequent errors that obscure meaning</li> </ul>
1 VERY WEAK Demonstrates lack of competence in presentational writing	<ul> <li>Response incomplete and difficult to follow; lacks narrative elements; may be inconsistent with stimulus</li> <li>Lacks organization and coherence; very disjointed sentences or isolated words</li> </ul>	Constant use of register inappropriate to situation	<ul> <li>Insufficient, inappropriate     vocabulary, with frequent errors     that significantly obscure     meaning; constant interference     from another language</li> <li>Little or no control of     grammatical structures, with     frequent errors that significantly     obscure meaning</li> </ul>
0 UNACCEPTABLE Contains nothing that earns credit	<ul><li>Completely irrelevant to the stimulus</li><li>Not in Chinese characters</li><li>Blank</li></ul>		

### Interpersonal Writing: E-Mail Response

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D e ii	EXCELLENT Demonstrates excellence in nterpersonal writing	<ul> <li>E-mail addresses all aspects of stimulus with thoroughness and detail</li> <li>Well organized and coherent, with a clear progression of ideas; use of appropriate transitional elements and cohesive devices; well-connected discourse of paragraph length</li> </ul>	Consistent use of register appropriate to situation	<ul> <li>Rich and appropriate vocabulary and idioms, with minimal errors</li> <li>Wide range of grammatical structures, with minimal errors</li> </ul>
S e ii	VERY GOOD Suggests excellence in nterpersonal writing	<ul> <li>E-mail addresses all aspects of stimulus</li> <li>Well organized and coherent, with a progression of ideas that is generally clear; some use of transitional elements and cohesive devices; connected discourse of paragraph length</li> </ul>	Consistent use of register appropriate to situation except for occasional lapses	<ul> <li>Appropriate vocabulary and idioms, with sporadic errors</li> <li>Variety of grammatical structures, with sporadic errors</li> </ul>
D c ii	GOOD Demonstrates competence in nterpersonal writing	<ul> <li>E-mail addresses all aspects of stimulus but may lack detail or elaboration</li> <li>Generally organized and coherent; use of transitional elements and cohesive devices may be inconsistent; discourse of paragraph length, although sentences may be loosely connected</li> </ul>	May include several lapses in otherwise consistent use of register appropriate to situation	<ul> <li>Mostly appropriate vocabulary and idioms, with errors that do not generally obscure meaning</li> <li>Mostly appropriate grammatical structures, with errors that do not generally obscure meaning</li> </ul>
S c ii	ADEQUATE Suggests competence in nterpersonal writing	E-mail addresses topic directly but may not address all aspects of stimulus     Portions may lack organization or coherence; infrequent use of transitional elements and cohesive devices; disconnected sentences	Use of register appropriate to situation is inconsistent or includes many errors	<ul> <li>Limited appropriate vocabulary and idioms, with frequent errors that sometimes obscure meaning; intermittent interference from another language</li> <li>Mostly simple grammatical structures, with frequent errors that sometimes obscure meaning</li> </ul>
S	WEAK Suggests lack of competence in nterpersonal writing	<ul> <li>E-mail addresses topic only marginally or addresses only some aspects of stimulus</li> <li>Scattered information generally lacks organization and coherence; minimal or no use of transitional elements and cohesive devices; fragmented sentences</li> </ul>	Frequent use of register inappropriate to situation	<ul> <li>Minimal appropriate vocabulary, with frequent errors that obscure meaning; repeated interference from another language</li> <li>Limited grammatical structures, with frequent errors that obscure meaning</li> </ul>
D la c in	VERY WEAK Demonstrates ack of competence in nterpersonal writing	E-mail addresses stimulus only minimally     Lacks organization and coherence; very disjointed sentences or isolated words	Constant use of register inappropriate to situation	Insufficient, inappropriate     vocabulary, with frequent errors     that significantly obscure     meaning; constant interference     from another language     Little or no control of     grammatical structures, with     frequent errors that significantly     obscure meaning
C	JNACCEPTABLE Contains nothing hat earns credit	<ul><li>Completely irrelevant to the stimulus</li><li>Not in Chinese characters</li><li>Blank</li></ul>		

### **Interpersonal Speaking: Conversation**

		TASK COMPLETION	DELIVERY	LANGUAGE USE
5	EXCELLENT Demonstrates excellence in interpersonal speaking  VERY GOOD Suggests	<ul> <li>Directly addresses prompt and provides a very thorough and appropriate response; includes elaboration and detail</li> <li>Smoothly connected sentences</li> <li>Directly addresses prompt and provides a</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>Natural pace and intonation, with minimal hesitation or repetition</li> <li>Accurate pronunciation (including tones), with minimal errors</li> <li>Consistent use of register appropriate to situation</li> <li>Smooth pace and intonation, with occasional hesitation and repetition</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>Rich and appropriate vocabulary and idioms, with minimal errors</li> <li>Wide range of grammatical structures, with minimal errors</li> <li>Appropriate vocabulary and idioms, with sporadic errors</li> </ul>
	excellence in interpersonal speaking	thorough and appropriate response; may include elaboration and detail • Connected sentences	<ul> <li>Occasional restator and repetition</li> <li>Occasional errors in pronunciation (including tones)</li> <li>Consistent use of register appropriate to situation except for occasional lapses</li> </ul>	Variety of grammatical structures, with sporadic errors
4	GOOD Demonstrates competence in interpersonal speaking	<ul> <li>Directly addresses prompt and provides an appropriate response</li> <li>Sentences may be loosely connected</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>Generally consistent pace and intonation, with intermittent hesitation and repetition</li> <li>May have several errors in pronunciation (including tones), which do not necessitate special listener effort</li> <li>May include several lapses in otherwise consistent use of register appropriate to situation</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>Mostly appropriate vocabulary and idioms, with errors that do not generally obscure meaning</li> <li>Mostly appropriate grammatical structures, with errors that do not generally obscure meaning</li> </ul>
3	ADEQUATE Suggests competence in interpersonal speaking	<ul> <li>Directly addresses prompt and provides a basic but appropriate answer</li> <li>Disconnected sentences</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>Inconsistent pace and intonation, with hesitation and repetition that interfere with comprehension</li> <li>Errors in pronunciation (including tones) sometimes necessitate special listener effort</li> <li>Use of register appropriate to situation is inconsistent or includes many errors</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>Limited appropriate vocabulary and idioms, with frequent errors that sometimes obscure meaning; intermittent interference from another language</li> <li>Mostly simple grammatical structures, with frequent errors that sometimes obscure meaning</li> </ul>
2	WEAK Suggests lack of competence in interpersonal speaking	<ul> <li>Directly addresses prompt and provides an appropriate but incomplete answer</li> <li>Fragmented sentences</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>Labored pace and intonation, with frequent hesitation and repetition</li> <li>Frequent errors in pronunciation (including tones) necessitate constant listener effort</li> <li>Frequent use of register inappropriate to situation</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>Minimal appropriate vocabulary, with frequent errors that obscure meaning; repeated interference from another language</li> <li>Limited grammatical structures, with frequent errors that obscure meaning</li> </ul>
1	VERY WEAK Demonstrates lack of competence in interpersonal speaking	<ul> <li>Addresses prompt minimally or marginally</li> <li>Very disjointed sentences or isolated words</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>Very labored pace and intonation, with constant hesitation and repetition</li> <li>Frequent errors in pronunciation (including tones) necessitate intense listener effort</li> <li>Constant use of register inappropriate to situation</li> </ul>	Insufficient, inappropriate     vocabulary, with frequent errors     that significantly obscure     meaning; constant interference     from another language     Little or no control of     grammatical structures, with     frequent errors that significantly     obscure meaning
0	UNACCEPTABLE Contains nothing that earns credit	<ul> <li>Mere restatement of the prompt</li> <li>Clearly does not respond to the prompt</li> <li>"I don't know," "I don't understand," "Please repeat," or equivalent in Chinese</li> <li>Not in Mandarin Chinese</li> <li>Blank (although recording equipment is functioning) or mere sighs</li> </ul>		

#### **Presentational Speaking: Cultural Presentation**

		TASK COMPLETION	DELIVERY	LANGUAGE USE
6	EXCELLENT Demonstrates excellence in presentational speaking and cultural knowledge	<ul> <li>Presentation addresses all aspects of prompt with thoroughness and detail</li> <li>Well organized and coherent, with a clear progression of ideas; use of appropriate transitional elements and cohesive devices; well-connected discourse of paragraph length</li> <li>Cultural information is ample, accurate, and detailed</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>Natural pace and intonation, with minimal hesitation or repetition</li> <li>Accurate pronunciation (including tones), with minimal errors</li> <li>Consistent use of register appropriate to situation</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>Rich and appropriate vocabulary and idioms, with minimal errors</li> <li>Wide range of grammatical structures, with minimal errors</li> </ul>
5	VERY GOOD Suggests excellence in presentational speaking and cultural knowledge	<ul> <li>Presentation addresses all aspects of prompt</li> <li>Well organized and coherent, with a progression of ideas that is generally clear; some use of transitional elements and cohesive devices; connected discourse of paragraph length</li> <li>Cultural information is accurate and detailed</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>Smooth pace and intonation, with occasional hesitation and repetition</li> <li>Occasional errors in pronunciation (including tones)</li> <li>Consistent use of register appropriate to situation except for occasional lapses</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>Appropriate vocabulary and idioms, with sporadic errors</li> <li>Variety of grammatical structures, with sporadic errors</li> </ul>
4	GOOD Demonstrates competence in presentational speaking and cultural knowledge	<ul> <li>Presentation addresses all aspects of prompt but may lack detail or elaboration</li> <li>Generally organized and coherent; use of transitional elements and cohesive devices may be inconsistent; discourse of paragraph length, although sentences may be loosely connected</li> <li>Cultural information is accurate but may lack detail</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>Generally consistent pace and intonation, with intermittent hesitation and repetition</li> <li>May have several errors in pronunciation (including tones), which do not necessitate special listener effort</li> <li>May include several lapses in otherwise consistent use of register appropriate to situation</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>Mostly appropriate vocabulary and idioms, with errors that do not generally obscure meaning</li> <li>Mostly appropriate grammatical structures, with errors that do not generally obscure meaning</li> </ul>
3	ADEQUATE Suggests competence in presentational speaking and cultural knowledge	<ul> <li>Presentation addresses topic directly but may not address all aspects of prompt</li> <li>Portions may lack organization or coherence; infrequent use of transitional elements and cohesive devices; disconnected sentences</li> <li>Cultural information is generally correct but has some inaccuracies</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>Inconsistent pace and intonation, with hesitation and repetition that interfere with comprehension</li> <li>Errors in pronunciation (including tones) sometimes necessitate special listener effort</li> <li>Use of register appropriate to situation is inconsistent or includes many errors</li> </ul>	Limited appropriate vocabulary and idioms, with frequent errors that sometimes obscure meaning; intermittent interference from another language     Mostly simple grammatical structures, with frequent errors that sometimes obscure meaning
2	WEAK Suggests lack of competence in presentational speaking and cultural knowledge	<ul> <li>Presentation addresses topic only marginally or addresses only some aspects of prompt</li> <li>Scattered information generally lacks organization and coherence; minimal or no use of transitional elements and cohesive devices; fragmented sentences</li> <li>Cultural information has several inaccuracies</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>Labored pace and intonation, with frequent hesitation and repetition</li> <li>Frequent errors in pronunciation (including tones) necessitate constant listener effort</li> <li>Frequent use of register inappropriate to situation</li> </ul>	Minimal appropriate vocabulary, with frequent errors that obscure meaning; repeated interference from another language     Limited grammatical structures, with frequent errors that obscure meaning
1	VERY WEAK Demonstrates lack of competence in presentational speaking and cultural knowledge	<ul> <li>Presentation addresses prompt only minimally</li> <li>Lacks organization and coherence; very disjointed sentences or isolated words</li> <li>Cultural information has frequent or significant inaccuracies</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>Very labored pace and intonation, with constant hesitation and repetition</li> <li>Frequent errors in pronunciation (including tones) necessitate intense listener effort</li> <li>Constant use of register inappropriate to situation</li> </ul>	Insufficient, inappropriate vocabulary, with frequent errors that significantly obscure meaning; constant interference from another language     Little or no control of grammatical structures, with frequent errors that significantly obscure meaning
0	UNACCEPTABLE Contains nothing that earns credit	<ul> <li>Mere restatement of the prompt</li> <li>Clearly does not respond to the prompt; co</li> <li>Not in Mandarin Chinese</li> <li>Blank (although recording equipment is fur</li> </ul>		