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COPES WITH UNDERSTANDING WITH THESE SITUATIONS/CONTENT OF LANGUAGE

* the main points of clear standard, extended input on familiar matters regularly encountered at work, school, leisure, etc., including basic medical facts, e.g., medical specialties, basic symptoms, pain
* most common situations in a hospital, e.g., taking personal information form a patient, showing the way
* most situations likely to arise whilst travelling in an area where the language is spoken

PRODUCTION

* simple connected text on topics of personal interest, or basic medical topics
* expresses opinions and plans, brieﬂy gives reasons and explanations, including basic medical principles and procedures, such as importance of nutrition
* describes experiences and events, dreams, hopes and ambitions

IMPORTANT FEATURES:

* maintains interaction and gets across what they want to; expresses the main point comprehensibly
* copes ﬂexibly with problems in less routine situations, enters unprepared into conversations on familiar topics; takes some initiatives in an interview/consultation (e.g. to explain a point to a patient, to ask additional questions during an interview with a patient if necessary)

FLUENCY:

* exploits a wide range of simple language, keeps going comprehensibly
* pauses for grammatical and lexical planning and repair is very evident
* in new situations/contexts is very dependent on interviewer in the interaction

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| **listening** | can understand   * the main points of clear standard speech on familiar matters regularly encountered at work, school, leisure, etc. * the main point of radio or TV programs on basic/general medical topics or topics of personal interest when the delivery is relatively slow and clear |
| **reading** | can understand   * texts that consist mainly of high frequency everyday or general medical language * the description of or events, feelings and wishes in personal letters |
| **writing** | can write   * simple connected reports used in hospitals, or topics of personal interest * personal letters describing experiences and impressions * a short letter of advice on medical topics |
| **spoken**  **interaction** | can   * deal with most common situations in a hospital * deal with most situations likely to arise whilst travelling in an area where the language is spoken * enter unprepared into conversation on topics that are familiar, of personal interest or pertinent to everyday life (e.g. family, hobbies, travel and basic/general medical topics) |
| **spoken**  **production** | can   * discuss a general medical topic * describe experiences and events, dreams, hopes and ambitions * brieﬂy give reasons and explanations for opinions and plans |

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| **range** | Has enough language to express him/herself with some hesitation and circumlocution on topics such as family, hobbies and interest, work, travel and basic/general medical topics. |
| **accuracy** | Uses reasonably accurately a repertoire of frequently used phrases and patterns associated with more predicable situations. |
| **fluency** | Can keep going comprehensibly, although pausing for grammatical and lexical planning, repair is evident. |
| **interaction** | Initiates, maintains, ends simple face-to-face conversations. |
| **coherence** | Links a series of shorter, simple phrases into a connected series of points. |