Learners interact and negotiate meaning in spontaneous, spoken, visual*, or written communication to exchange information and express feelings, preferences, and opinions.

*Denotes a term specific to American Sign Language

DEFINING CHARACTERISTICS

- 2-way, synchronous, and unrehearsed communication
- Spontaneous exchange; spoken, visual or written
- May precede or follow from other modes of communication

NYS CHECKPOINT PROFICIENCY RANGES

- Checkpoint A: Novice Mid-High
- Checkpoint B: Intermediate Low-Mid
- Checkpoint C: Intermediate Mid-High

SAMPLE INTERPERSONAL STRATEGIES BY NYS CHECKPOINT:

**A**

- Exchange reactions to pictures or situations
- Compare rank-ordered lists with a partner
- Respond to short-answer questions

**B**

- Interview a partner on familiar topics
- Have short conversations about common activities
- Ask and answer questions

**C**

- Exchange opinions and give reasons
- Compare past and present events and activities
- Discuss in a small group the main idea and author’s purpose of an authentic text

Many interpersonal strategies can be used across all checkpoints.

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EXAMPLE INTERPERSONAL TASKS BY MODALITY:

**SPEAKING**

- **A** Come to a consensus as to which school lunch option on a menu is the healthiest.
- **B** Make suggestions for food to be served at a party based on an infographic about food and dietary preferences in the target culture.
- **C** Compare how food preferences in the target culture and in the U.S. have changed over the past twenty years based on information from an authentic source.

**WRITING**

- **A** Exchange information via text message about what you and a friend might wear to a party.
- **B** Express an opinion about the best restaurant in your neighborhood based on reviews posted online by locals.
- **C** Express an opinion about a popular fashion trend via social media.

**VIEWING**

- **A** Exchange personal introductions and information with someone you have just met.
- **B** Exchange reactions to the expression of emotions and feelings in a video clip from a Deaf play.
- **C** Express and justify personal opinions about wearing school uniforms based on a Facebook post and comments.

**ADDITIONAL RESOURCES:**

- ACTFL Communicative Tasks Guiding Principles
- ACTFL Performance Descriptors for Interpersonal Mode
- Person to Person Video from the Annenberg Video Workshops for K-12 Teachers
- Library of Classroom Practices K-12
- NCSSFL-ACTFL Can-Do Statements and Benchmarks