**Canadian Language Benchmark (CLB) 4**

**Listening 4**

I can understand a conversation on a familiar, everyday topic when you speak slowly.  
I know what you are talking about because I understand some words and phrases.  
I can understand many simple questions.  
I can follow simple oral instructions.  
I can understand connecting words like ‘and’, ‘but’, ‘first’, ‘next’ and ‘because.’  
I can follow instructions to find something on a map or picture.  
I can understand a short phone message if I know what the topic is.  
I can ask people to repeat when I don’t understand.  
  
**Speaking 4**

I can introduce two people to each other.  
I can participate in conversations that are about what I need and what I have done.  
I can ask and answer many simple questions.  
I can use short sentences to buy something or talk to the doctor.  
I can give someone simple directions.  
I can use the past tense with many common verbs.  
I have enough vocabulary for everyday conversation.  
I can use some connecting words between my sentences, like ‘and’, ‘but’, ‘first’, ‘next’, and ‘because’.  
I can use the phone for a very short conversation.  
People usually understand me, but sometimes I have to repeat.  
  
**Reading 4**

I can read a simple story of 2 - 3 paragraphs.  
I can read simple news items.  
I can follow simple instructions.  
Sometimes, by looking at a whole sentence, I can find out what a new word means.  
Most of the time, I use my dictionary for new words. I can get information from charts and schedules.  
I can use a bilingual dictionary.  
I can understand if I read silently.  
I still read slowly.  
  
**Writing 4**

I can write a paragraph about a personal experience.  
I can write a paragraph about my future plans.  
I can write a short note, message or letter.

I can fill out a simple application form of up to 20 items.  
When I write, I can use whole sentences.  
I can copy information from dictionaries, catalogues or manuals.  
I can take slow, simple dictation with several repetitions.  
I can spell and punctuate my sentences.  
It is easy to read my printing or handwriting.  
I can write whole sentences with few errors.