

Pragmatic Profile for K-12 Students

Student Name:	Date of Birth:	
CA:	Grade:	
School:	SLP:	
Date:	Setting Observed:	

A comprehensive observation of pragmatic skills may be derived during conversation and/or shared activities.

PRAGMATIC SKILL	Typical	Atypical	Examples and Comments
Uses culturally appropriate eye gaze with speaker, establishing and maintaining joint attention			
Places body at an appropriate distance to interact. Shows an awareness of others			
Uses appropriate facial expressions, gestures, body posture for the situation (e.g., smiles, frowns, nods head while listening)			
Uses appropriate vocal quality (e.g. pitch, inflection, rate, loudness)			
Responds appropriately to nonverbal communication/body language (e.g., responds to angry voice or finger gesture to stop/wait, come)			
Shows and receives affection appropriately (e.g., hugging, offers help, consoles, apologizes, accepts apologies)			
Uses appropriate greetings/closings (e.g., waves, "bye," "hi," "gotta go")			
Answers/acknowledges when name is called (e.g., turns head/answers when called)			
Requests objects, actions, or activities – to start, continue, and/or stop			
Responds appropriately to directions and polite requests such as "Could you hold the door open?"			
Asks for help, clarification, repetition, and/or permission when needed			
Responds to requests for clarification or repetition and/or recognizes the need for clarification			
Answers questions with an appropriate response and amount of information – not too little or too much			
Initiates interaction/conversation with peers and/or adults			
Keeps the conversation going by staying on topic (e.g., makes appropriate comments, asks questions, adds information to elaborate topic)			
Takes turns in conversation and changes topics smoothly			
Speaks on a variety of topics of interest to self and partner			
Expresses disagreement and makes protests appropriately			
Provides information clearly and sequentially (e.g., explains game, retells a story)			
Ends an interaction/conversation appropriately			
Attends to and participates in activities (e.g., learning and recreational)			
Negotiates and/or responds to negotiation/compromise			
Responds to humor/jokes and/or attempts to be funny			
Attempts to "read a room" and adjusts communication accordingly			
Responds appropriately to disappointment, teasing, failure, anger			
Is the student's academic achievement or functional performance affected in the classroom? YES NO			

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