

Question	Novice	Intermediate	Expert
What is communication?	Speech only, or speaking and hearing	Verbal and non-verbal communication is mentioned but without particular examples, or answer does not acknowledge the social component	Answer goes beyond speech; thoughts and ideas that are conveyed through verbal and non-verbal means such as gestures; used for social interaction
What are the major communication problems in children with autism?	Trouble talking; wrongly identifies difficulty with articulation; talks strangely; are abnormal	Mentions a subcomponent of problems listed in expert but doesn't mention impaired social interaction; mentions social problems without other problems mentioned	Problems with joint attention, pragmatics, affect, conversation, speech tone (flat affect or echolalia), severe delay; No mention of a problem with articulation
How might someone communicate if they couldn't speak?	Identifies only one modality (e.g., sign language)	Identifies two modes of non-verbal communication	Identifies three or more modes (e.g., sign language, other forms of AAC, gestures, non-verbal vocalizations, body language, affect, writing)
What are some parts of anatomy involved in speech production?	Mentions none or one of the three: Respiratory system, speech-sound generating system, and articulators	Mentions two of the three: Respiratory system, speech-sound generating system, and articulators	Mentions all three: Respiratory system, speech-sound generating system, and articulators
What are some parts of anatomy involved in language production?	Mentions none or one of the following: Brain, respiratory system, speech-sound generating system, articulators, and hands	Mentions 2 or 3 of the following: Brain, respiratory system, speech-sound generating system, articulators, and hands	Mentions 4 or 5 of the following: Brain, respiratory system, speech-sound generating system, articulators, and hands