INTERCULTURAL COMMUNICATION

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Intercultural Can-Do Statements
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### How Do Learners and Educators Use the Intercultural Can-Do Statements?

**Goal Setting**

The Intercultural Can-Do Statements help learners show their intercultural competence in the target language. Learners use the statements to set learning goals, document their progress, and regularly self-assess and reflect on their learning.

**Proficiency vs Performance**

- **Proficiency** is what one can consistently do with language in non-rehearsed, spontaneous and real-life contexts with native speakers over a sustained period of time.

- **Performance** is what one can do with language in practiced or familiar learning contexts and can serve as a bridge to proficiency.

**Benchmarks**

Benchmarks are long-term proficiency goals for learners. Benchmarks can be used by educators to establish course outcomes.

**Performance Indicators**

Indicators are steps for learners to chart their performance and their progress toward meeting long term proficiency goals. Indicators can help inform the creation of units by educators.

**Examples**

Examples provide evidence of real-life consistent intercultural performance in the target language over time, or can inform the creation of lessons or learning activities. **This is not a checklist to complete**, but rather examples that will be elaborated and built upon by individual learners or educators.

**“I can...(customize)”**

Customizable examples allow learners or educators to create their own samples of intercultural communication, aligned to their learning content or context and the targeted proficiency level.

**Novice:** Identify = Recognize, name or label who or what something is.

**Intermediate:** Compare = Identify similarities and differences to show understanding.

**Advanced:** Explain = Apply knowledge to clarify, illustrate or describe more deeply.

**Superior:** Analyze = Break down into its elements and examine each piece separately; give evidence to support or justify generalizations or interrelatedness.

**Distinguished:** Evaluate = Give your verdict as to what extent a statement or findings within a piece of research are true, or to what extent you agree with them. Provide evidence taken from a wide range of sources which both agree with and contradict an argument. Come to a conclusion, basing your decision on what you judge to be the most important factors and justify how you have made your choice.
INTRODUCTION

The NCSSFL-ACTFL Can-Do Statements for Intercultural Communication and the Reflection Tool for Learners provide a set of sample tasks and scenarios that show how learners use the target language and knowledge of culture to demonstrate Intercultural Communicative Competence (ICC).

Just as the NCSSFL-ACTFL Can-Do Statements for language clarify the Communication standards in the World Readiness Standards, this tool is intended to clarify and support the Cultures standards and lead learners toward developing ICC. For the purpose of this document, ICC refers to the ability to interact effectively and appropriately with people from other language and cultural backgrounds. ICC develops as the result of a process of intentional goal-setting and self-reflection around language and culture and involves attitudinal changes toward one’s own and other cultures. Intercultural communicative competence is essential for establishing effective, positive relationships across cultural boundaries, required in a global society.

Cultures Goal: Interact with Cultural Competence and Understanding.

Standard: Learners use the language to investigate, explain and reflect on the relationship between Practices and Perspectives of the cultures studied.

Standard: Learners use the language to investigate, explain and reflect on the relationship between Products and Perspectives of the cultures studied.

World Readiness Standards

The NCSSFL-ACTFL Can-Do Statements for Intercultural Communication:

- Provide samples of how learners can develop and demonstrate their ICC through the language they are learning. The extent to which one can fully understand and participate in a culture is related to the level of language proficiency.

- Are applicable to a variety of learning and life environments, such as in elementary school, an immersion class, a high school or college course, independent learning, a study abroad situation, or a work setting.

- Serve as a framework, not a curriculum, to integrate target language use and intercultural competencies in instruction, making clear the inextricable link between language and culture.

- Focus on communicative interaction in another culture, i.e., the ability to communicate and articulate in the target language and behave appropriately in the target culture.

- Support deeper learning by providing sample scenarios that show how teachers can organize activities for intercultural reflection, both inside the classroom in the target language and outside the classroom in English or the target language.

The use of the NCSSFL-ACTFL Can-Do Statements for Intercultural Communication can be a first step in the process to simplify the complexities of ICC and provide guidance for teachers and learners. Rather than a linear process, ICC is more iterative and interactive, like a mosaic of various cultural experiences informed by self-reflection. Each individual begins at different cognitive, cultural and linguistic stages and progresses at various rates.
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<td><strong>Benchmarks:</strong> Identify overarching features of Intercultural Communication to set long term individual or course goals within each proficiency level.</td>
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<td><strong>Indicators:</strong> Break down broad benchmarks into manageable chunks to help learners chart progress or inform unit learning outcomes.</td>
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<td><strong>Examples:</strong> Break down indicators to show examples of intercultural language and behavior at each language proficiency level and suggest real-life or lesson activities.</td>
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<td><strong>A set of learning examples that can be adapted to school or district curriculum as well as independent learning goals</strong></td>
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<td>The Can-Do Statements are meant to be adapted to individual learning contexts. They include open-ended “I can...” statements for learners and teachers to customize to fit the content and context of the learning and the targeted proficiency level.</td>
<td>The Can-Do Statements are designed to offer samples for modification or elaboration of language syllabi and curricula; they are not intended to provide ready-made intercultural lessons. The statements provided do not claim to be exhaustive or specific to a level of schooling.</td>
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<td>The Can-Do statements are intended to be used in conjunction with the ICC Reflection Tool. ICC also requires curiosity, discovery, interaction, self-assessment and reflection for self-examination of attitudes and values.</td>
<td>The Can-Do statements are not meant to be used alone, but along with the ICC Reflection Tool. They can also be used as part of a school-wide program that includes teacher collaboration with other content areas and time for guided learner reflection on their intercultural experiences.</td>
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<td><strong>Not an instrument for determining a letter or number grade</strong></td>
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<td>Teachers and learners use the statements for self-evaluation to become more aware of what they know and how they feel about their own and others’ cultures. By using statements aligned to the proficiency scale, it allows teachers to create rubrics that enable learners to chart their progress.</td>
<td>Growth in intercultural communication is measured over time when tasks are integrated into performance assessments and evaluated using rubrics based on the ACTFL proficiency descriptors.</td>
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What is Intercultural Communication?

Intercultural communication is a complex activity that combines cross-cultural knowledge and language skills. It involves initiating, understanding and responding to what is communicated, using culturally appropriate language and behavior in a given context.

For the purposes of this document, the term intercultural communication refers only to the use of culturally appropriate verbal and nonverbal skills to build relationships with people of different cultures. Researchers such as Byram (1997, 2002), M.J. and J.M Bennett (2003), Deardorff (2006), and Fantini (2006) agreed that developing Intercultural Communicative Competence is a complex, non-linear process built from an accumulation of cultural knowledge, practices and social encounters experienced within a variety of cultural contexts. An apt metaphor is a mosaic whose total image is an assemblage of smaller, unique pieces. Each intercultural experience provides an opportunity for interpretation, discovery, interaction and reflection that motivates learners’ curiosity and leads to awareness of self and others.

Because intercultural growth involves elements in the affective domain it can be a challenge, and sometimes impossible, for teachers to evaluate learners’ progress. Teachers can, however, evaluate how well learners’ language use demonstrates intercultural competence, given that the extent to which one can fully understand and participate in a culture is related to the level of language proficiency. The NCSSFL-ACTFL Can-Do Statements for Intercultural Communication suggest tasks that allow for and support these opportunities for intercultural encounters.

The NCSSFL-ACTFL Can-Do Statements for Intercultural Communication show the intersection of language proficiency and cultural competence, which do not always align. One individual may possess strong cultural competence yet demonstrate a low level of language proficiency (figure 1). Another individual may display high language proficiency but minimal cultural competence (figure 2).

The NCSSFL-ACTFL Can-Do Statements for Intercultural Communication focuses on the extent to which learners can demonstrate their intercultural competence through verbal and non-verbal communication. These Intercultural Can-Do Statements are aligned with the Language Can-Do statements to ensure consistency with the ACTFL Proficiency Guidelines. The statements are intended to depict the linguistic competency from Novice to Distinguished levels of language proficiency across the modes of communication.
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<td>In my own and other cultures I can explain some diversity among products and practices and how it relates to perspectives.</td>
<td>In my own and other cultures I can suspend judgment while critically examining products, practices, and perspectives.</td>
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**INVESTIGATE PRODUCTS**
- In my own and other cultures I can identify some typical products related to familiar everyday life.
- In my own and other cultures I can compare products related to everyday life and personal interests or studies.
- In my own and other cultures I can explain how a variety of products of public and personal interest are related to perspectives.
- In my own and other cultures I can analyze how products of personal and public interest are related to perspectives.
- In my own and other cultures I can evaluate a wide range of concrete and abstract products from different viewpoints.

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- In my own and other cultures I can explain how a variety of practices within familiar and social situations are related to perspectives.
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<td>I can interact at a functional level in some familiar contexts.</td>
<td>I can interact at a competent level in familiar and some unfamiliar contexts.</td>
<td>I can interact in complex situations to ensure a shared understanding of culture.</td>
<td>I can engage with complexity and pluricultural identities and serve as a mediator between and among cultures.</td>
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**INTERACT WITH LANGUAGE**
- I can communicate with others from the target culture in familiar everyday situations, using memorized language and showing basic cultural awareness.
- I can converse with peers from the target culture in familiar situations at school, work, or play, and show interest in basic cultural similarities and differences.
- I can converse comfortably with others from the target culture in familiar and some unfamiliar situations and show some understanding of cultural differences.
- I can suspend judgement, adapt my language, and make appropriate cultural references when interacting with others from the target culture in social and professional situations.
- I can show empathy and cultural sophistication in my language when interacting in social, academic or professional situations with others from the target culture.

**INTERACT WITH BEHAVIOR**
- I can use appropriate rehearsed behaviors and recognize some obviously inappropriate behaviors in familiar everyday situations.
- I can recognize that significant differences in behaviors exist among cultures, use appropriate learned behaviors and avoid major social blunders.
- I can demonstrate awareness of subtle differences among cultural behaviors and adjust my behavior accordingly in familiar and some unfamiliar situations.
- I can adhere to basic social and professional norms and etiquette, read nonverbal cues and adjust my behavior in complicated situations.
- I can transition smoothly from formal to informal styles of behavior, respond effectively to nonverbal cues and mediate situations of cultural misunderstanding with empathy.
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<td>In my own and other cultures I can identify locations to buy something and how culture affects where people shop.</td>
<td>In my own and other cultures I can compare how and why houses, buildings, and towns affect lifestyles.</td>
<td>In my own and other cultures I can describe the cultural influences on the design of houses, buildings and towns.</td>
<td>In my own and other cultures I can analyze the evolution of urban architectural design from traditional to current trends.</td>
<td>In my own and other cultures I can express various viewpoints about urban planning and its influence on society.</td>
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<td>I can use rehearsed behaviors when shopping in a familiar type of store.</td>
<td>I can use learned behaviors when visiting someone’s home or business and notice when I make a cultural mistake.</td>
<td>I can adjust my personal space and body language accordingly when interacting with others in a business, school or work environment.</td>
<td>I can interact appropriately in professional meetings and adjust behaviors to accomplish my goals.</td>
<td>I can organize informal and formal social activities that validate the traditions of international visitors.</td>
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<td>INVESTIGATE landmarks</td>
<td>In my own and other cultures I can identify familiar landmarks and monuments and what they represent to people.</td>
<td>In my own and other cultures I can compare events and beliefs that drive the creation of a monument or the popularity of a landmark.</td>
<td>In my own and other cultures I can describe and explain how landmarks and monuments contribute to national identity.</td>
<td>In my own and other cultures I can analyze the changes in significance of landmarks and monuments over time and the feelings or emotions evoked by those who live in the culture.</td>
<td>In my own and other cultures I can evaluate the cultural capital of landmarks and monuments from different viewpoints.</td>
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<td>I can act appropriately when purchasing an entrance ticket to a landmark or historical site.</td>
<td>I can show respect when visiting an historical site by dressing appropriately, adjusting the volume of my voice, and acting with consideration for others.</td>
<td>I can manage my non-verbal reactions and personal space when in a crowded environment such as standing in line.</td>
<td>I can adjust the display of my emotional reactions when the cultural expectations differ from my own.</td>
<td>I can respond with appropriate behavior to the reactions of a diverse group at a political demonstration or other emotionally-charged event.</td>
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<td>In my own and other cultures I can identify some elements of a classroom, a school schedule, or levels of schooling and how they reflect the culture.</td>
<td>In my own and other cultures I can compare school/learning environments and curricula to determine what is valued.</td>
<td>In my own and other cultures I can explain how beliefs and values are reflected in educational testing, ceremonies and certificates.</td>
<td>In my own and other cultures I can analyze the role family plays in schooling.</td>
<td>In my own and other cultures I can objectively evaluate the role of education in the quality of life.</td>
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<td>I can answer simple questions about my study abroad plans.</td>
<td>I can meet with an advisor in the target culture to select courses that match my preferences and academic goals.</td>
<td>I can complete the requirements of an undergraduate course in the target culture.</td>
<td>I can interview parents about their role in their children’s education, and analyze their responses.</td>
<td>I can collaborate on an educational research project with peers from other cultures, mediating objections during the process.</td>
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<td>In my own and other cultures I can identify some artists and musicians, their styles and contributions.</td>
<td>In my own and other cultures I can compare how traditions and events influence music and art.</td>
<td>In my own and other cultures I can explain messages expressed in music and art.</td>
<td>In my own and other cultures I can analyze perceptions of beauty and aesthetics that are reflected in art and music.</td>
<td>In my own and other cultures I can evaluate, through multiple lenses, the evolution of beauty, music and art from traditional to current trends.</td>
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<td>I can recommend sites to experience a variety of local art and music styles.</td>
<td>I can talk about similarities and differences between art and music festivals with a peer from another culture.</td>
<td>I can share my interpretations of a piece of art or music with someone else while respecting theirs.</td>
<td>I can work with others to select works for a gallery show or a concert based on a mediated perception of beauty.</td>
<td>I can collaborate on a retrospective of an artist’s or musician’s work.</td>
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<td>In my own and other cultures I can identify geographical forms and how they affect a country’s natural resources.</td>
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<td>In my own and other cultures I can explain how people’s practices or values contribute to environmental problems or solutions.</td>
<td>In my own and other cultures I can analyze how environmental initiatives contribute to a people’s cultural identity or pride.</td>
<td>In my own and other cultures I can analyze and critique environmental policies from multiple perspectives.</td>
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<td>I can work with a peer in another culture to create a digital presentation on each country’s natural resources.</td>
<td>I can work with peers in another culture to address a local environmental issue, such as creating a recycling or composting program.</td>
<td>I can write a blog entry about how to respect and conform to local environmental practices and respond to comments.</td>
<td>I can respect a country’s environmental policies when negotiating a business opportunity or participating in a service project with locals.</td>
<td>I can conduct a comparative analysis of environmental laws and share my findings.</td>
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<td><strong>INVESTIGATE</strong> entertainment, social media, literature</td>
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<td>In my own and other cultures I can tell why people think differently about entertainment, social media and literature.</td>
<td>In my own and other cultures I can explain the values reflected in a literary or social media text.</td>
<td>In my own and other cultures I can identify and analyze implicit bias in social media reactions to the coverage of news and events.</td>
<td>In my own and other cultures I can evaluate the changing attitudes toward entertainment, social media and literature, and how it impacts lives.</td>
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<td>I can use some Internet slang abbreviations to communicate a short message through social media.</td>
<td>I can compare video game preferences with a peer in the target culture.</td>
<td>I can respond to a social media post in a culturally appropriate manner.</td>
<td>I can recognize and respect other points of view, when discussing a story or film plotline.</td>
<td>I can conduct research and share findings on attitudes and beliefs as reflected in social media, literature and the entertainment industry.</td>
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<td>In my own and other cultures I can compare and contrast how people label nationalities and why they do so.</td>
<td>In my own and other cultures I can explain how stereotypes influence a country’s products or marketing strategies.</td>
<td>In my own and other cultures I can analyze the values reflected in political decisions based on stereotypes.</td>
<td>In my own and other cultures I can evaluate what evidence gave rise to a stereotype in order to demystify it.</td>
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<td>I can work with a peer in the target culture to create posters exposing stereotyped images of each other’s countries.</td>
<td>I can work with a partner class in the target culture to survey everyone’s views toward yet another culture and identify common stereotypes.</td>
<td>I can collaborate on an online project to explain misconceptions underlying stereotypes.</td>
<td>I can post an analysis of and answer questions about campaign rhetoric around immigration and its reliance on stereotyped ideas, adapting my language to neutralize the stereotype.</td>
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<td>In my own and other cultures I can identify some traditional products and show how and why they are globalized such as fast food, jeans, or social media.</td>
<td>In my own and other cultures I can identify and compare the values that promote globalized products, such as efficiency and comfort.</td>
<td>In my own and other cultures I can explain how globalized products impact society and individual lifestyles.</td>
<td>In my own and other cultures I can analyze the attitudes toward the environmental impact of globalized products.</td>
<td>From my own and other cultures’ viewpoints I can evaluate the impact of globalization on economic and political perspectives.</td>
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<td>I can share with peers in another culture restaurants and foods that might be familiar to them.</td>
<td>I can exchange information with a peer in another culture about their preferred technology for communicating.</td>
<td>I can work with others to determine appropriate supplies to contribute to a disaster relief effort.</td>
<td>I can collaborate in international efforts to promote global citizenry.</td>
<td>I can facilitate a formal discussion before a diverse audience on a controversial topic, such as terrorist acts or drug trafficking, without judgment or bias.</td>
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<td>In my own and other cultures I can identify social practices such as greetings, introductions, leave-taking and thanking people.</td>
<td>In my own and other cultures I can compare how attitudes toward informality and formality in relationships affect behavior and language.</td>
<td>In my own and other cultures I can explain how the role of personal space and topics of conversation influence social interaction.</td>
<td>In my own and other cultures I can analyze how the use of sarcasm, irony, and humor reflects societal attitudes.</td>
<td>In my own and other cultures I can critically interpret, evaluate, and mediate verbal and nonverbal behaviors in informal and formal contexts.</td>
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<td>I can greet and take leave from someone using polite rehearsed behaviors.</td>
<td>I can use appropriate greeting and leave taking gestures and behaviors in familiar informal and formal situations.</td>
<td>I can greet and take leave from someone using appropriate behaviors in most situations and change an incorrect behavior.</td>
<td>I can greet, interact with and take leave from people across cultures in social and professional situations.</td>
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