

TASL Syntactic Elements Reference Form

TEACHER ASSESSMENT OF SPOKEN LANGUAGE

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Noun Modifiers

DESCRIPTIVE

hot, cold, curly, straight, dirty, clean

POSSESSIVE

girl's, Jean's

COLOR

red, yellow

DEMONSTRATIVE

this, that, these, those

NUMBER

two, six

ARTICLE

a, the

QUANTIFIER

more, some, many, a lot, another,
all, other, both, every, most,
a few, any, several

SIZE

big, little, long, short

COMPARATIVE

-er, shorter, funnier

SUPERLATIVE

-est, happiest, heaviest

Pronouns

PERSONAL

I, me, he, she, it, you, we, they, him, her, them, us

POSSESSIVE

mine, my, his, her, your, our, their, hers, its, theirs, ours, yours

DEMONSTRATIVE

this, that, these, those

INDEFINITE

everybody, everyone, everything, something, someone,
somebody, nobody, nothing, no one, anyone, anybody, anything,
some, more, another, both, all, many, most, least, few, other

REFLEXIVE

myself, himself, herself, itself, themselves, yourself, ourselves

Adverbs

PLACE

here, there, up, down, in, out, off, outside

TIME

first, then, next, yesterday, today, tomorrow, tonight,
days of week, last week, last month, last September,
next year, next Tuesday

DEGREE

very, too, fast, -ly (slowly, quickly)

FREQUENCY

never, usually, always, sometimes, often

Prepositions

PLACE

in, on, under, up, down, around, over,
next to, behind, to, at, in front of, in back of,
between, off, near, by, from, ahead, towards,
through, along, into, inside, above, across
below, beside, out of

PARTITIVE

a couple of, most of, some of,
a bottle of, a package of

MANNER

with, without

ACCOMPANIMENT

with

OTHER

of, for, about, except, against

TIME

after, before, during, until, since

Verb Tenses

SIMPLE PAST

walked, worked

IRREGULAR PAST

ran, ate

PRESENT "TO BE"

is, am, are

PRESENT PROGRESSIVE

am ___ing, is ___ing, are ___ing

PAST "TO BE"

was, were

FUTURE

will ____, is/are/am going to ____, will be

MODAL

can ____, could ____, should ____, would ____, may ____,
might ____, must ____

PAST PROGRESSIVE

was ___ing, were ___ing

FUTURE PROGRESSIVE

will be ___ing

PRESENT PERFECT

have ___ed, have seen, has ___ed

PAST PERFECT

had ___ed, had found, had known

MODAL AND PRESENT PERFECT

could have ___ed, should have been

PRESENT PERFECT PROGRESSIVE

have been ___ing, has been ___ing

PAST PERFECT PROGRESSIVE

had been ___ing

MODAL AND PRESENT PERFECT PROGRESSIVE

could have been ___ing, must have been ___ing

Secondary Verbs

INFINITIVES

want to ____, like to ____, know how to ____, tried to ____

Differing subject: She wanted her team to win the game.

With object: They decided to build a house.

GERUNDS

Logging is my favorite exercise when it is not raining.

PARTICIPLES

The boy wearing the red shirt is my brother.

Negatives

SIMPLE NEGATIVE

no, not

NEGATIVE PAST TENSE

did not ____, didn't ____

NEGATIVE "TO BE"

am not, is not, are not, was not, were not, will not be

NEGATIVE PRESENT PROGRESSIVE

is not/isn't ____, am not ____, are not/aren't ____

NEGATIVE PAST "TO BE"

was not ____, were not ____.

NEGATIVE FUTURE TENSE

will not/won't ____, is/are/am not going to ____

NEGATIVE MODAL

can not ____, could not ____, should not ____, would not ____,
may not ____, might not ____, must not ____

NEGATIVE PAST PROGRESSIVE

was not ____ing, were not ____ing

NEGATIVE FUTURE PROGRESSIVE

will not/won't be ____ing

NEGATIVE INFINITIVE

do not/don't like to ____, do not/don't want to ____,
do not/don't know how to ____

NEGATIVE PRESENT PERFECT

have not ____ed, have not seen, has not ____ed

Questions

Where ____, Who ____, What color ____,
How many ____, What ____, Why ____,
How ____, When ____?

PAST TENSE

Did ____, What did ____?

"TO BE"

Is ____, Are ____, Was ____, Were ____?

PRESENT PROGRESSIVE

Is that girl going to the picnic?, Are you driving to the store?

FUTURE TENSE

Are ____ going to ____?,

Is ____ going to ____?,

Will ____?

MODALS

Can ____, May ____, Could ____, Should ____, Would ____?

INFINITIVES

Do you like to ____?, Do you want to ____?,

Do you know how to ____?

... + NOUN?

WHAT __...? WHOSE __...? WHICH __...?

NEGATIVE

Isn't it time to go to the airport?

TAG QUESTIONS

We are going to California soon, aren't we?

NEGATIVE TAG QUESTIONS

The doctor isn't coming today, is he?

Conjunctions

COORDINATING

and, but, or

RELATIVE PRONOUNS

who, what, where, when, that, whose, how, which,
whom, why

SUBORDINATING

because, if, after, when, before, so, since,
while, as, unless, until, although, whether,
even if, only if, whenever, whatever,
whoever, wherever