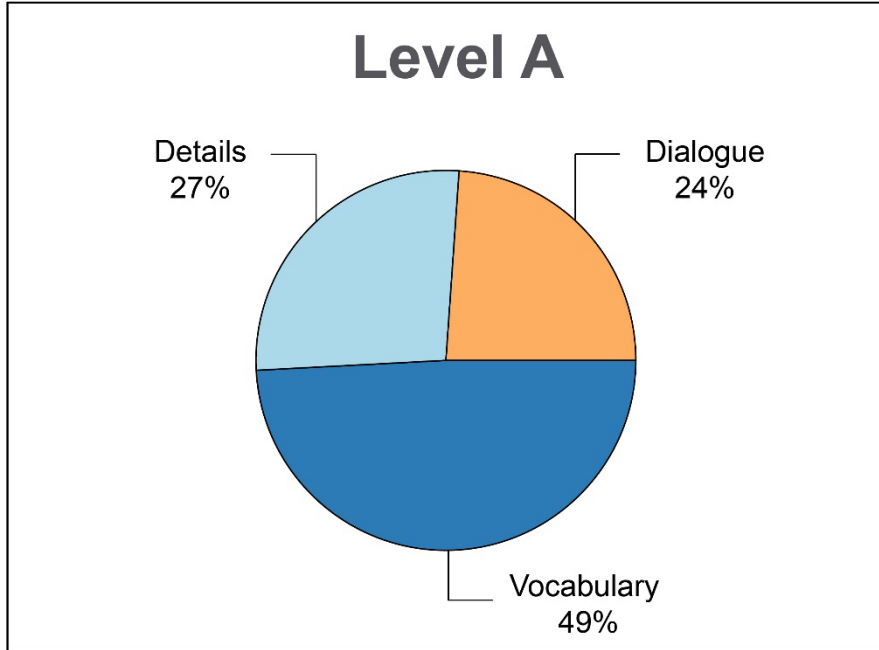


The CASAS Listening STEPS series is an assessment of listening comprehension for English as a Second Language (ESL) learners. This document provides information about the content coverage of each set of parallel forms in the test series.

Listening STEPS is aligned to the [English Language Proficiency Standards \(ELPS\) for Adult Education](#) and the [National Reporting System's \(NRS\) Education Functioning Level Descriptors for English as a Second Language \(ESL\)](#). The blueprints on the following pages show the content coverage of the forms organized into content areas. These content areas are *Dialogue, Vocabulary, Details, Main Idea, and Summary*. Under each content area is additional information about the specific content covered. Each content area was designed to be descriptive and concise to help people of various backgrounds in English language education to understand what the series is assessing.

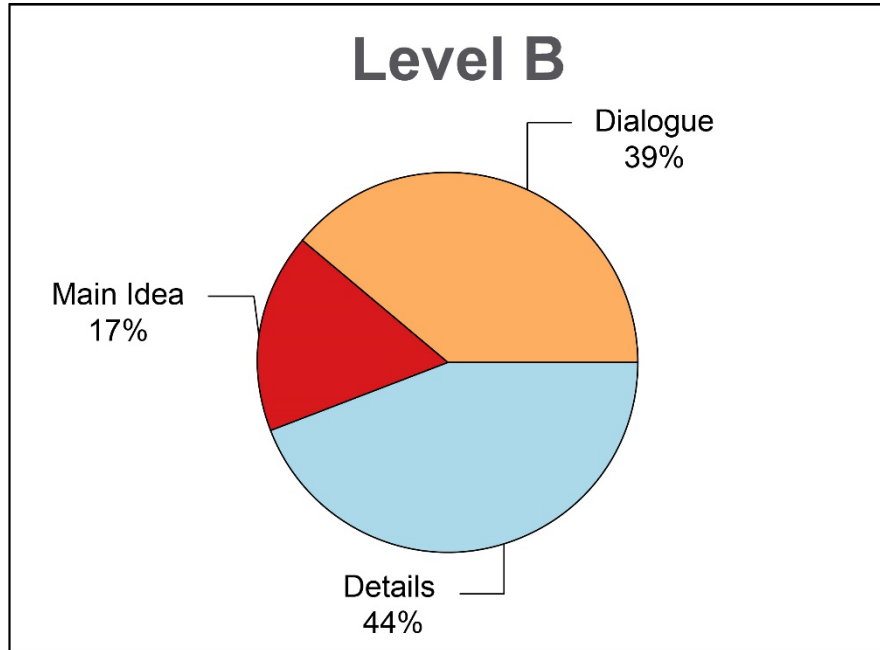
Additionally, CASAS has provided an alignment of the content areas to the ELPS for each level. The ELPS cover the modalities of *reading, listening, speaking, writing, and language*. Since Listening STEPS is an assessment of listening comprehension, Listening STEPS assesses the standards that relate to the *listening* modality.



NRS Educational Functioning Levels
Levels 1 and 2

English Language Proficiency Standards
Level 1

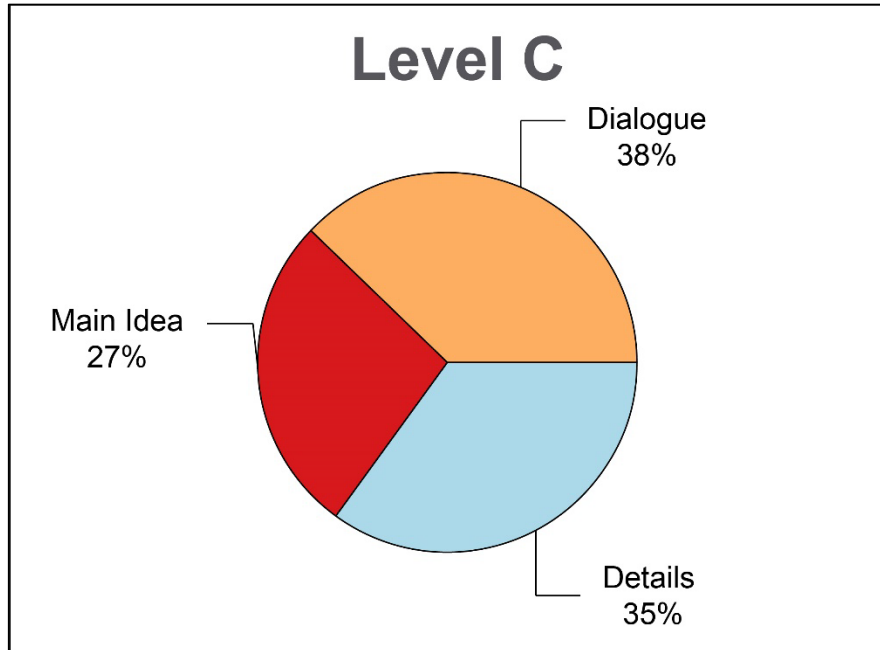
Content Areas	ELP Standard	% of test items
Dialogue Continue the conversation	2	24%
Vocabulary Understand high-frequency words	1	49%
Details Retell key details	1	27%



NRS Educational Functioning Levels
Levels 2 and 3

English Language Proficiency Standards
Levels 1 and 2

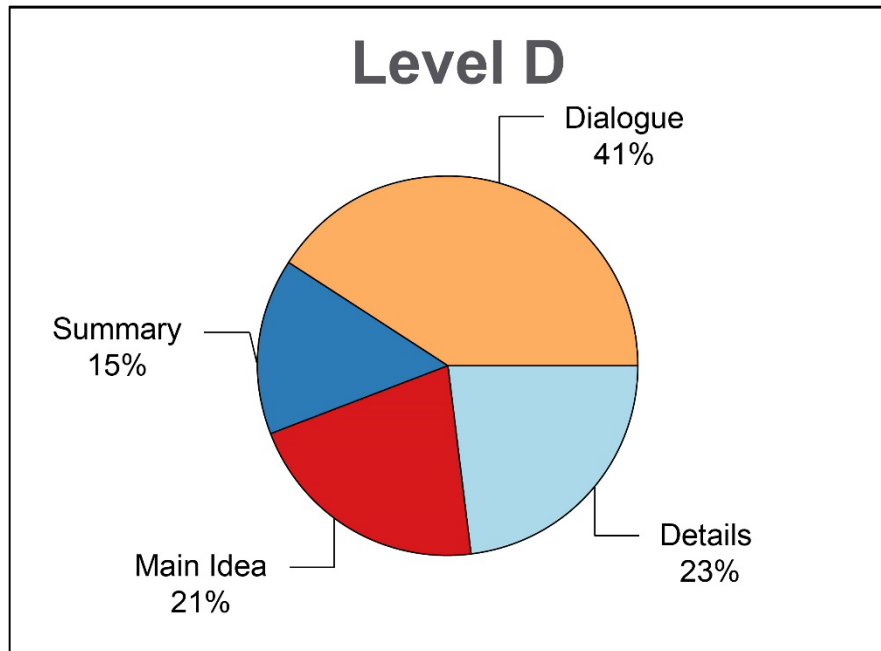
Content Areas	ELP Standard	% of test items
Dialogue Continue the conversation	2	39%
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Main Idea Identify the main topic	1	17%



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Levels 3 and 4

English Language Proficiency Standards
Level 2 and 3

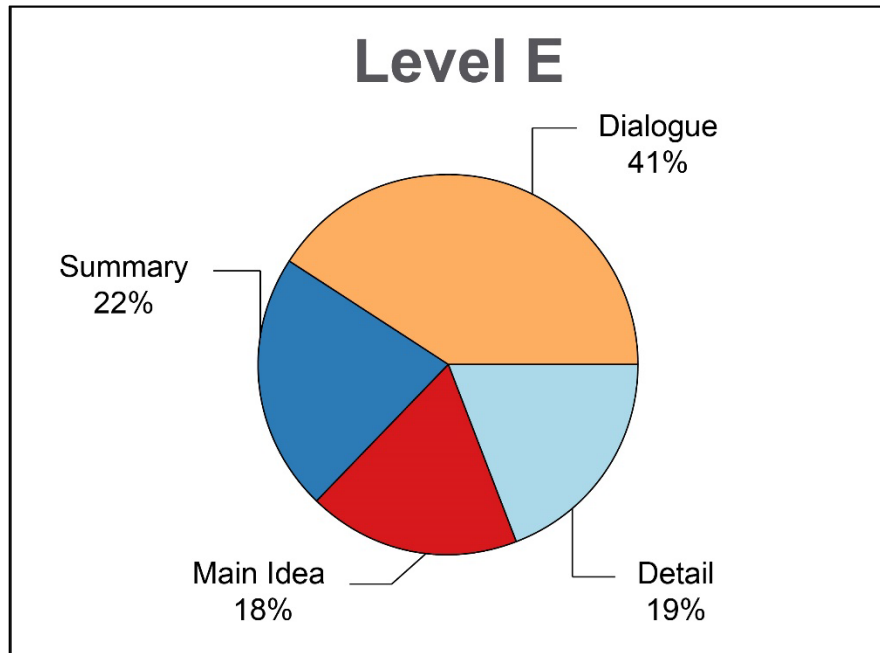
Content Areas	ELP Standard	% of test items
Dialogue Continue the conversation	2	38%
Details Retell key details	1	35%
Main Idea Identify the main topic Summarize	1	27%



NRS Educational Functioning Levels
Levels 4 and 5

English Language Proficiency Standards
Levels 3 and 4

Content Areas	ELP Standard	% of test items
Dialogue Continue the conversation	2	41%
Details Retell key details	1	23%
Main Idea Identify the main topic	1	21%
Summary Summarize	1	15%



NRS Educational Functioning Levels
Levels 5 and 6

English Language Proficiency Standards
Levels 4 and 5

Content Areas	ELP Standard	% of test items
Dialogue Continue the conversation	2	41%
Details Retell key details	1	19%
Main Idea Identify the main topic	1	18%
Summary Summarize	1	22%