



Skill Level Descriptors for Persons with Intellectual Disabilities

Scale Score	CASAS Level	Descriptors
210	B	Beginning Basic Skills Can fill out simple forms requiring basic personal information, write a simple list or telephone message, calculate a single simple operation when numbers are given, and make simple change. Can read and interpret simple sentences on familiar topics. Can read and interpret simple directions, signs, maps, and simple menus. Can handle entry-level jobs that involve some simple written communication.
200	A	Beginning Literacy/Pre-Beginning Very limited ability to read or write. Persons at the upper end of this score range can read and write numbers and letters and simple words and phrases related to immediate needs. Can provide very basic personal identification in written form such as on job applications. Can handle routine entry-level jobs that require only basic written communication.
190	AA	Beginning Literacy/Pre-Beginning Can use some very simple communication skills with others in daily activities and at work. Can handle most daily living skills such as dressing, hygiene, and meal preparation. Can identify and follow directions on public signs and buildings. Can use some community services such as grocery, banking, restaurant, and public transportation. Can handle jobs with mild level of support.
180	AAA	Beginning Literacy/Pre-Beginning Can follow some very simple safety practices in the home, community, and the job with help from support person. Can cross streets and follow directions on safety signs with supports. Can use some very basic community services with help such as health, transportation, and telephone. Can handle jobs requiring moderate level of support.
160	AAAA	Beginning Literacy/Pre-Beginning Can perform some minimum basic daily living skills such as washing hands, brushing hair, and dressing with help from support person. Can identify simple public signs such as entrances, exits, and public restrooms. Can handle community experiences and jobs requiring intensive level of support.
140	AAAAA	Beginning Literacy/Pre-Beginning Can identify a few common household objects such as comb, toothbrush, and shoes. Can perform very basic communication skills using gestures, sign language, or simple words. Can perform simple hygiene skills such as washing hands with support.