

**CAL STARTALK Proficiency Assessment Training Program**  
**Participant Developed Assessment Task**

**Task**

Writing: Presentational

**Proficiency level:** Intermediate

**Age:** College level

**Cultural notes:** Online dating has become a common practice in the Middle East.

**Imagine that your Arabic-speaking friends want to submit an ad for you to an online dating service.**

**They want you to write 4-6 sentences to describe yourself and the person you want to meet. Below, write 4-6 sentences to describe yourself and the person you want to meet.**

- Describe yourself
- Describe who you are looking for
- Interest s
- Physical appearance
- Education
- Profession
- Vocabulary bank: college/university, personal characteristics (nice, funny, sweet, washes dishes, handy, hair/eye color, short/fat, tall/thin, likes food, American or target culture, profession ,

Me	Him/Her
1. 2. 3.	1. 2. 3.

**Rubric**

Criteria for successful completion		<b>0 (Tried to accomplish task)</b>	<b>1 (almost accomplished task)</b>	<b>2 (Accomplished task)</b>	<b>3 (Exceeds accomplish)</b>
Vocabulary: <b>(rich/poor)</b>		2 target words or less	3-5 target words	6-7 target words	8-10 target words
Accuracy of language		75 % or more of the text contains mistakes/ sentence structures are incorrect <b>Errors confuse topic</b>	25 % of the text is correct- <b>contains frequent grammatical or lexical errors</b> <b>Errors interfere with understanding, even with sympathetic reader</b>	50% of the text is correct <b>OR</b> <b>Mostly correct, errors do not impede meaning</b>	Minimum of spelling/ structure errors (more than 50% of the text is correct) <b>Few, if any, mistakes</b>
Relativity		Irrelevant content <b>Content does not match task</b>	Less than half the text is relative <b>Sometimes content is confusing to sympathetic reader</b>	Most of the content is relative	The content is relative and culturally appropriate
Comprehensible		Very difficult to decode	Difficult to understand, even for those accustomed to non-native writers	Mostly comprehensible to sympathetic reader	Fully comprehensible to the average reader who is not accustomed to this kind of writing