

**VIETNAMESE LANGUAGE
PROFICIENCY GUIDELINES
INTERMEDIATE LEVEL: READING**

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CONTENT	FUNCTION	GRAMMAR & USAGE	ACCURACY
<p>Expanding the topics listed in the beginning level and introducing the following personal, social and cultural topics:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Traveling to Vietnam (preparation, Vietnam immigration and customs regulations). 2. Traveling in Vietnam (travel arrangements, weather and geography). 3. Going to the doctors and dentists and buying medications. 4. Housing (looking for a place, household appliances and household chores). 5. Running errands (at the bank, post office, etc.). 6. Physical features and personal characteristics. 7. Occupations and job interviews. 8. Mass media, entertainment and sports in Vietnam. 9. Customs (wedding, funeral and holidays). 10. Educational system in Vietnam. 11. Overview of Vietnamese history and key historical figures. 12. Some current issues in Vietnamese society. 	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Full comprehension of simple connected texts dealing with basic personal and social needs. 2. Comprehending formal written communication such as simple business or official documents. 3. Acquiring knowledge and new information from authentic texts such as news articles, short narrations and short stories on familiar topics. 4. Grasping the main ideas and facts, with supporting details of the above listed materials but may miss some details. 	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Relative clauses, relative pronouns (<i>mà, người</i>) and relative adverbs (<i>nơi, khi</i>). 2. Conditional clauses with <i>đúng ra, lẽ ra, giá mà, giá như</i> 3. Clauses of result <i>đến nỗi, đến mức độ</i> 4. Adjectives <i>hàng, toàn, toàn bộ, toàn thể</i> 5. <i>Mà, lại, mới</i> with different meanings and functions. 6. <i>Nổi, xuể</i>, indicating a person's ability to do something. 7. Patterns <i>không những... mà còn, không những mà cả..., không chỉ.. mà cả..</i> 8. Final particles <i>mà, cơ mà, cơ chứ, mà lại, nhi, ấy, đã, đấy, chứ, mới được, là được.</i> 9. Emphatic particles <i>nhữ ng, có</i> used before a number. 10. Modal verbs <i>đành, đành phải, dám, không dám.</i> 11. Adverbs with <i>một cách</i> 12. Patterns <i>càng... càng, từng/ đã từng, chưa từng, thế mà, nào... ấy/nấy, nhờ... thì sao..., thảo nào, sở dĩ.. là vì.., dù.. đi chăng nữa.</i> 13. Classifiers <i>toà, bộ. cuộc, nền, nỗi, niêm, mới, vị, thặng, tên.</i> 14. Use of <i>cái</i> with different meanings. 15. Introduction to word formation in Vietnamese: compound, affixation, reduplication and borrowing. 	<p>Improving comprehension of most key ideas and supporting details but some details may not be understood precisely.</p>

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