

Samples of Action-oriented Tasks

Big Idea Curriculum Expectation	Learning Goal	Authentic Situation (When would I do this in real life?)	Action-oriented Task (What's the purpose? What will be accomplished?)
	I am learning to describe my family.	Showing photos of my family to a friend. Identifying each person.	You have just set up an account with a social networking site. Discuss with a friend which family photos you are going to upload. Explain your choices.
	I am learning to describe my family.	Answering questions a French exchange student has about my family members.	You have enrolled in an exchange program and are speaking to your French speaking partner on the phone for the first time. He/she will be staying with you next month. Answer the questions the exchange student has about your family.
	I am learning to describe my family.	Buying a gift for a family member and having to describe them to a sales assistant.	You are in a department store having trouble finding the perfect gift for a family member. Describe the person to the sales assistant and answer questions about his/her likes and dislikes.
	I am learning to describe my family.	Applying to be on a reality TV show.	You are applying for your family to star in a reality TV show called "Canada's Most Talented Family". Film a short video to introduce your family to the producers.
	I am learning to ask and answer simple questions.	Meeting a new classmate on the first day back at school.	You have been asked by your teacher to greet a new student and give him/her a tour of the school. Make him/her feel at home by asking about his/her likes and dislikes and answering his/her questions about the school.
	I am learning to ask and answer simple questions.	Asking a friend to borrow missing school supplies.	You have arrived in class only to discover that you have left your backpack at home. Ask 3 friends questions about your schedule for the day and whether they can lend you the materials you need to get you through the day.
	I am learning to make simple purchases.	Buying items at a convenience store.	You are driving to Québec City for a family vacation and you stop off for gas on the way. Go into the convenience store to buy some supplies for the journey. Ask the sales assistant for help finding these items.

	I am learning to make simple purchases.	Ordering a pizza by phone.	You have 12 friends coming over for your birthday party and have decided to order pizza for them. Phone in an order for 3 pizzas making sure that they each have very different toppings.
	I am learning to set a date for a meeting. I am learning to talk about times and dates. I am learning to give directions.	Arranging to see a movie with friends.	You want to go to the movies with a couple of friends but you're having trouble agreeing on the details. Talk to them to decide when and where you are going to meet up, how you get to the theatre, and what movie you are going to see.
	I am learning to express my likes and dislikes.	Describing what you would like to receive as a birthday gift.	An aunt you haven't seen for a long time is phoning you to ask what you'd like for your birthday. She seems to think that you still like the same things you did when you were 5 years old. Give her 3 or 4 ideas of what you would really like to get as a gift. Explain your choices.