Evaluation Criteria for Speaking Assignments

**Communicative success**

5 pts  Appropriate topic, amount of time conversing; exchange well-connected
4 pts  Appropriate topic and exchange connected but not enough time conversing
3 pts  Conversation not always appropriate to topic and/or some misunderstanding between interlocutors because discourse is not sufficiently connected
2 pts  Conversation very often inappropriate to topic and/or frequent misunderstandings between interlocutors because discourse is not connected
0-1 pt  Conversation inappropriate to topic and/or exchange not connected (unable to hold up conversation)

**Grammar**

5 pts  Very few errors; consistent control of the structures taught in class (communication rarely impeded)
4 pts  Occasional errors with structures taught in class (communication rarely impeded)
3 pts  Frequent errors with structures taught in class (frequent misunderstandings)
2 pts  Constant grammatical errors with structures taught in class (makes speech very difficult to understand)
0-1 pt  Extreme lack of control of structures taught in class (makes speech incomprehensible)

**Vocabulary**

5 pts  Shows control of a wide range of vocabulary taught and uses this vocabulary appropriately
4 pts  Shows control of an adequate range of the vocabulary taught and most often uses this vocabulary appropriately
3 pts  Shows some control of the vocabulary taught but relies on fixed expressions/basic vocabulary or uses vocabulary inappropriately
2 pts  Shows very little control of the vocabulary taught (makes communication extremely difficult)
0-1 pt  Shows no command of the vocabulary taught (makes communication impossible)

**Fluency**

5 pts  Speech smooth; student comfortable and confident; no mispronunciation that would interfere with comprehension.
4 pts  Speech occasionally hesitant; some rephrasing; mispronunciation causing misunderstanding occurs only rarely
3 pts  Speech hesitant (e.g., frequent repeating, unfinished sentences, long pauses); several misunderstandings arise from mispronouncing words or from errors in intonation
2 pts  Speech hesitant and choppy; conversation almost impossible; mispronunciation and inaccurate stress make understanding difficult; has to repeat a lot to be understood
0-1 pt  Speech limited to isolated words; mispronunciation makes comprehension impossible