1. *Linguistic (Grammatical) competence*: knowing how to use the grammar, syntax, and vocabulary of a language. \_\_\_\_\_\_
2. *Discourse competence*: knowing how to construct longer stretches of language so that the parts make up a coherent whole. \_\_\_\_\_
3. *Sociolinguistic competence*: knowing how to use and respond to language appropriately, given the setting, the topic, and the relationships among the people communicating. \_\_\_\_\_
4. *Strategic competence*: knowing how to recognize and repair communication breakdowns, how to work around gaps in one’s knowledge of the language, and how to learn more about the language and in the context. \_\_\_\_\_

**Match one of the definitions below to one of the 4 competencies above. Share your answers with a partner.**

1. How do I know when I’ve misunderstood or when someone has misunderstood me? What do I say then? How can I express my ideas if I don’t know the name of something or the right verb form to use?
2. What words do I use? How do I put them into phrases and sentences?
3. Which words and phrases fit this setting and this topic? How can I express a specific attitude (courtesy, authority, friendliness, respect) when I need to? How do I know what attitude another person is expressing?
4. How are words, phrases and sentences put together to create conversations, speeches, email messages, newspaper articles?

Sample CLT Activity

Imagine you are packing for a three-month stay on the International Space Station (ISS). **You can only take five items with you.** You must be able to carry all five items since storage is in short supply on the ISS. List the five items you would bring and explain why you chose those items. **(Note: NASA has provided all the basics like food, water, oxygen, medicine, and toiletries!)**

Item Reason

1. \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_
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3. \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_
4. \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_
5. \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

**WAIT!!** NASA has over-estimated the weight the ISS can carry and must immediately downsize. **Between you and your fellow space travelers, you may now bring only 3 items.** Compare your lists. Together, decide what 3 items you will bring. Be sure to explain how you reach your decision.

Item Reason

1. \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_
2. \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_
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