Appendix A

Basic personal oral communication goals may be expressed in terms of situations, functions and topics. For example, we define situations in which the students must use the target language, for example, in a hotel, the function of the interaction, in this case a request for information, and the topic of communication, e.g., obtaining lodging. In the following outline, we list topics and situations which are largely useful to beginning students.

Preliminary Unit: Learning to Understand

TOPICS
1. Names
2. Description of students
3. Family
4. Numbers
5. Clothing
6. Colors
7. Objects in the classroom

SITUATIONS
1. Greetings
2. Classroom commands

I. Students in the classroom

TOPICS
1. Personal identification (name, address, telephone number, age, sex, nationality, date of birth, married status)
2. Description of school environment (identification, description and location of people and objects in the classroom, description and location of buildings)
3. Classes
4. Telling time
5. Holiday activities
6. Parties
7. Abilities
8. Pets
9. Cultural and artistic interests

SITUATIONS
1. Playing games, sports

II. Recreation and leisure activities

TOPICS
1. Favorite activities
2. Sports and games
3. Climate and seasons
4. Weather
5. Seasonal activities
6. Daily activities
7. Work activities
8. Salary and money

SITUATIONS
1. Introductions, meeting people
2. Visiting relatives
3. Pets

III. Family, friends and daily activities

TOPICS
1. Family and relatives
2. Physical states
3. Emotional states
4. Holiday and vacation activities
5. Amenities

SITUATIONS
1. Job interview
2. Talking on the job.

IV. Plans, obligations and careers

TOPICS
1. Immediate future plans
2. General future activities
3. Obligations
4. Hopes and desires
5. Careers and professions
6. Place of work
7. Salary and money

SITUATIONS
1. Job interview
2. Talking on the job.

V. Residence

TOPICS
1. Place of residence
2. Rooms of a house
3. Furniture and household items
4. Activities at home
5. Household items
6. Amenities

SITUATIONS
1. Looking for a place to live
2. Moving

VI. Narrating past experiences

TOPICS
1. Immediate past events
2. Yesterday's activities
3. Weekend events
4. Holidays and parties
5. Trips and vacations
6. Experiences

SITUATIONS
1. Discussing last night's news broadcast
2. Discussing a recent movie

VII. Health, Illnesses and emergencies

TOPICS
1. Parts of the body
2. Physical states
3. Mental states and moods
4. Health maintenance
5. Health professions
6. Medicines and diseases

SITUATIONS
1. Visits to doctor
2. Hospitals
3. Health interviews
4. Buying medicines
5. Emergencies (accidents)

VIII. Eating

TOPICS
1. Foods
2. Beverages

SITUATIONS
1. Ordering a meal in a restaurant
2. Shopping in a supermarket
3. Preparing food from recipes

IX. Travel and transportation

TOPICS
1. Geography
2. Modes of transportation
3. Vacations
4. Experiences on trips
5. Languages
6. New experiences

SITUATIONS
1. Buying gasoline
2. Exchanging money
3. Clearing customs
4. Obtaining lodging
5. Buying tickets
6. Making reservations

X. Shopping and buying

TOPICS
1. Money and prices
2. Fashions
3. Gifts
4. Products

SITUATIONS
1. Selling and buying
2. Shopping
3. Bargaining

XI. Youth

TOPICS
1. Childhood experiences
2. Primary school experiences
3. Teen years experiences
4. Adult expectations and activities

SITUATIONS
1. Reminiscing with friends
2. Sharing photo albums
3. Looking at school yearbooks

XII. Giving directions and instructions

SITUATIONS
1. Giving orders at home
2. Giving Instructions at school
3. Following maps
4. Finding locations
5. Following game instructions
6. Giving an invitation
7. Making an appointment

XIII. Values

TOPICS
1. Family
2. Friendship
3. Love
4. Marriage
5. Sex roles and stereotypes
6. Goals
7. Religious beliefs

XIV. Issues and current events

TOPICS
1. Environmental problems
2. Economic issues
3. Education
4. Employment and careers
5. Ethical issues
6. Politics
7. Crime
8. Sports
9. Social events
10. Cultural events
11. Minority groups
12. Science and health

SITUATIONS
1. Discussing last night's news broadcast
2. Discussing a recent movie