The student
Year Level: Year 6 (13 years old)
Background: Refugee from Iraq; came via Syria. About to take Australian citizenship; family had been in Australia 26 months
Language: L1 Aramaic/Arabic
Schooling: largely unschooled until language centre in Sydney.

The task
The students were shown a series of pictures, one at a time, and asked to tell an interviewer (Int) as much as they could about the pictures. This picture was of a mosque.

The text shows that the student:
- describes people, places and things using simple vocabulary
- asks what a word means
- is beginning to produce more complex language
- understands social English but still needs additional help from conversation partner
- uses some articles correctly

This text is an example of a student at Stage B2 standard. He communicates in English in familiar situations, expressing simple messages in basic English. He can identify and describe people using simple vocabulary. He uses simplified English, with varying grammatical accuracy, combining known formulas, learned grammatical features and new vocabulary to construct new utterances. He pronounces familiar words comprehensibly. He employs basic strategies to sustain and enhance communication in English.