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Notice to Teachers Concerning the 2015 NYSESLAT Speaking Scoring Guide

This notice concerns the answer provided for the last question in the Frequently Asked Questions about the Speaking Test on page 59 of the 2015 NYSESLAT Speaking Scoring Guide. Please replace the answer found on page 59 with the revised answer provided below:

What if the student has a one-word response for one of the Entering and Emerging questions?

We are aware that a few of the Entering and Emerging questions can elicit a one-word response, although we generally tried to limit this kind of question. For some Entering and Emerging questions, a one-word response could be given full credit (score of 1). However, if a student response is a simple “yes” or “no,” it should receive a score of 0. In keeping with the Scoring Rubric for an Entering question provided on page 4, any one-word response, other than “yes” or “no,” spoken in English should receive a score of 1. For an Emerging question, only one-word responses that are appropriate given the question should receive a score of 1.