

## Sample Listening Rubric for Small Group Discussion

### Level

#### 5 Active Interest and Involvement

- members take appropriate turns in conversation
- probing questions are asked of others
- occasionally, members paraphrase what others have said in order to clarify
- nonverbal cues or body language are used to respond to, and sometimes shape, communication with others

#### 4 Focused

- members ask for information and give responses which indicate attention to topic of discussion
- members acknowledge and build on what has been said or done
- members take appropriate turns in conversation
- nonverbal cues or body language are used for effect (e.g., makes eye contact to show engagement, touches for support, smiles encouragingly, gestures for emphasis)

#### 3 Attentive

- responses given indicate attention to topic of discussion
- acknowledgement is given to what has been said
- occasionally, gestures and body language are used for emphasis, to show support or to get attention (e.g., moves into close proximity as group works)
- eye contact is made with person speaking

#### 2 Inconsistent

- responses given occasionally indicate attention to topic of discussion
- members occasionally acknowledge what has been said
- feedback is offered only when prompted
- members may be easily distracted and attentive only when addressed directly

#### 1 Largely Indifferent

- members have difficulty in responding to questions
- members continually interrupt speakers, do not let others verbalize
- verbal feedback is not offered when opportunity presents itself
- nonverbal response is nonexistent