**Tips for Helping Beginner ELLs**

1. Use a minimum of pronouns. State the person, place, or thing you’re referring torepeatedly, if necessary. For example, to the question “Does Juan have his book?” youmight answer, “No, I think Juan needs to borrow your book,” rather than “No, Ithink he needs to borrow yours.”)
2. Use limited tenses when speaking to a beginner.
3. Use fewer words, pause often, and check your rate of speaking for the newcomer andbeginner; you may need to slow down and simplify your speech.