Speaking and Listening – Level 1

Sample 1 Group discussion: How do we communicate?

Extract 1

Note: Students have been numbered left to right from 1 to 5.

TEACHER: Do we speak the same way to everyone?

STUDENTS: No.

TEACHER: Can you explain a bit more?

STUDENT 1: So, the reason why we can’t explain to everyone, because if there was a person who came from a different country and we were talking to them, we wouldn’t understand what they were saying because they’re talking in a different language.

STUDENT 4: And … and it …

STUDENT 2: Um, well, if someone from Indonesia, like, came over, we wouldn’t, like, you couldn’t really know what they were saying unless they were saying, like, “hello” and … and then, like, counting up, because we know, like, it … those very well.

TEACHER: So how do you know those?

STUDENT 2: Um, like, you can … how in the Indonesian room, Ibu Rose and Ibu Hannah, they teach us Indonesian.

TEACHER: Mm-hm.

STUDENT 4: Um, so, when you are talking with parents, you use more “please” manners, but when you’re talking with kids, you sort of go, “OK, I wanna play with you.” Like, someone asks, “Would you like to play with me?” and they’re like, “Yes!”

But then for parents, they ask, “Would you like to go and play?” and you’re like, “Yes, please.”