

Common European Framework Level Definitions

CEFR Levels	WSE Levels	Listening / Speaking	Reading	Writing	Interaction
A1 – A2	Beginner	Can understand basic instructions and take part in a basic factual conversation on a predictable topic.	Can understand basic notices, instructions or information.	Can complete basic forms, and write notes including times, dates and places.	Can interact in a simple way; can ask and answer simple questions.
B1	Pre-Intermediate	Can express simple opinions or requirements in a familiar context.	Can understand straightforward information within a known area, such as simple textbooks or reports on familiar matters.	Can complete forms and write short simple letters or postcards related to personal information.	Can communicate in simple and routine tasks that require direct exchanges. Can handle short social exchanges.
B1+	Intermediate	Can understand the main points of familiar matters, with enough language to get by in everyday situations.	Can understand non-complex routine information and articles.	Can write simple letters/texts on familiar topics with reasonable accuracy and express personal ideas and opinions.	Can deal with most situations likely to arise when travelling in an English speaking area. Can enter conversations on familiar subjects.
B2	Higher Intermediate	Can understand and express ideas with some fluency and reasonable accuracy in everyday contexts.	Can understand the general meaning of nonroutine information within a familiar area.	Can produce longer texts, using paragraphs using a range of structures with a fair degree of accuracy.	Can interact with some fluency and spontaneity; can take an active part in discussion on familiar topics.
B2+	Higher Inter. Plus	Can understand and express opinions on abstract/cultural matters in a limited way or offer advice within a known area and understand instructions or public announcements.	Can understand the main ideas of a complex text on both concrete and abstract topics.	Can produce a clear, detailed text on a wide range of subjects and give advantages and disadvantages of various options.	Can account for and sustain a view; can defend ideas with increased fluency.
C1	Advanced	Can understand and express feelings, opinions and ideas with sufficient clarity to work in an English-speaking environment.	Can scan texts for relevant information and understand detailed instructions or advice.	Can make reasonably clear notes while someone is talking or write a letter including non-standard requests.	Can interact fluently and spontaneously without searching for expressions. Is able to use language flexibly for social and professional purposes.
C1+	Advanced Plus	Can contribute effectively to meetings and seminars within own area of work and keep up a casual conversation with a good degree of fluency, coping with abstract expressions.	Can read quickly enough to cope with an academic course, read various media for information and understand non-standard correspondence.	Can prepare/ draft professional correspondence, take accurate notes in meetings or write an essay which shows a highly effective ability to communicate.	Can formulate ideas with precision and skill; can relate contributions to those of others. Can deal with communication and cultural problems through clarification and exemplification.
C2	Proficiency	Can advise on or talk about complex or sensitive issues, understand colloquial references and deal confidently with hostile questions.	Can understand documents, correspondence and reports, including the finer points of complex texts.	Can write letters on any subject and full notes of meetings or seminars with good expression and accuracy.	Can take part effortlessly in any conversation or discussion. Can backtrack and restructure as necessary to avoid misunderstandings.