

# European language levels

## A1

### Listening

I can understand familiar words and very basic phrases concerning myself, my family and immediate concrete surroundings when people speak slowly and clearly.

### Reading

I can understand familiar names, words and very simple sentences, for example on notices and posters or in catalogues.

### Spoken Interaction

I can interact in a simple way provided the other person is prepared to repeat or rephrase things at a slower rate of speech and help me formulate what I'm trying to say. I can ask and answer simple questions in areas of immediate need or on very familiar topics.

### Writing

I can write a short, simple postcard, for example sending holiday greetings. I can fill in forms with personal details, for example entering my name, nationality and address on a hotel registration form.

## A2

### Listening

I can understand phrases and the highest frequency vocabulary related to areas of most immediate personal relevance (e.g. very basic personal and family information, shopping, local area, employment). I can catch the main point in short, clear, simple messages and announcements.

### Reading

I can read very short, simple texts. I can find specific, predictable information in simple everyday material such as advertisements, prospectuses, menus and timetables and I can understand short simple personal letters.

### Spoken Interaction

I can communicate in simple and routine tasks requiring a simple and direct exchange of information on familiar topics and activities. I can handle very short social exchanges, even though I can't usually understand enough to keep the conversation going myself.

### Writing

I can write short, simple notes and messages. I can write a very simple personal letter, for example thanking someone for something.

## B1

### Listening

I can understand the main points of clear standard speech on familiar matters regularly encountered in work, school, leisure, etc. I can understand the main point of many radio or TV programmes on current affairs or topics of personal or professional interest when the delivery is relatively slow and clear.

### Reading

I can understand texts that consist mainly of high frequency everyday or job-related language. I can understand the description of events, feelings and wishes in personal letters.

### Spoken Interaction

I can deal with most situations likely to arise whilst travelling in an area where the language is spoken. I can enter unprepared into conversation on topics that are familiar, of personal interest or pertinent to everyday life (e.g. family, hobbies, work, travel and current events).

### Writing

I can write simple connected text on topics which are familiar or of personal interest. I can write personal letters describing experiences and impressions.

## B2

### Listening

I can understand extended speech and lectures and follow even complex lines of argument provided the topic is reasonably familiar. I can understand most TV news and current affairs programmes. I can understand the majority of films in standard dialect.

### Reading

I can read articles and reports concerned with contemporary problems in which the writers adopt particular attitudes or viewpoints. I can understand contemporary literary prose.

### Spoken Interaction

I can interact with a degree of fluency and spontaneity that makes regular interaction with native speakers quite possible. I can take an active part in discussion in familiar contexts, accounting for and sustaining my views.

### Writing

I can write clear, detailed text on a wide range of subjects related to my interests. I can write an essay or report, passing on information or giving reasons in support of or against a particular point of view. I can write letters highlighting the personal significance of events and experiences.

## C1

### Listening

I can understand extended speech even when it is not clearly structured and when relationships are only implied and not signalled explicitly. I can understand television programmes and films without too much effort.

### Reading

I can understand long and complex factual and literary texts, appreciating distinctions of style. I can understand specialised articles and longer technical instructions, even when they do not relate to my field.

### Spoken Interaction

I can express myself fluently and spontaneously without much obvious searching for expressions. I can use language flexibly and effectively for social and professional purposes. I can formulate ideas and opinions with precision and relate my contribution skilfully to those of other speakers.

### Writing

I can express myself in clear, well-structured text, expressing points of view at some length. I can write about complex subjects in a letter, an essay or a report, underlining what I consider to be the salient issues. I can select a style appropriate to the reader in mind.

## C2

### Listening

I have no difficulty in understanding any kind of spoken language, whether live or broadcast, even when delivered at fast native speed, provided. I have some time to get familiar with the accent.

### Reading

I can read with ease virtually all forms of the written language, including abstract, structurally or linguistically complex texts such as manuals, specialised articles and literary works.

### Spoken Interaction

I can take part effortlessly in any conversation or discussion and have a good familiarity with idiomatic expressions and colloquialisms. I can express myself fluently and convey finer shades of meaning precisely. If I do have a problem I can backtrack and restructure around the difficulty so smoothly that other people are hardly aware of it.

### Writing

I can write clear, smoothly-flowing text in an appropriate style. I can write complex letters, reports or articles which present a case with an effective logical structure which helps the recipient to notice and remember significant points. I can write summaries and reviews of professional or literary works.

## A1

**English**  
TELC Stage 1 BULATS, IELTS

**French**  
DELF A1

**German**  
TELC Start Deutsch A1  
Goethe-Zertifikat A1

**Italian**  
PLIDA A1

## A2

**English**  
Key English Test (KET)  
BULATS, IELTS

**French**  
DELF A2  
Diplôme de Français Professionnel (DFP) A2

**German**  
TELC Start Deutsch A2  
Goethe-Zertifikat A2

**Italian**  
CELI 1 PLIDA A2

## B1

**English**  
Preliminary English Test (PET)  
BEC Preliminary  
BULATS, IELTS

**French**  
DELF B1  
Diplôme de Français Professionnel (DFP) B1

**German**  
TELC Deutsch B1  
Goethe-Zertifikat B1

**Italian**  
CELI 2 PLIDA B1

**Spanish**  
DELE B1

## B2

**English**  
First Certificate in English  
BEC Vantage  
BULATS, IELTS, TOEFL

**French**  
DELF B2  
Diplôme de Français Professionnel (DFP) B2

**German**  
TELC Deutsch B2  
Goethe-Zertifikat B2

**Italian**  
CELI 3 PLIDA B2

**Spanish**  
DELE B2

## C1

**English**  
Certificate in Advanced English (CAE)  
BEC Higher  
BULATS, IELTS, TOEFL

**French**  
DALF C1  
Diplôme de Français Professionnel (DFP) C1

**German**  
TELC Deutsch C1  
Goethe-Zertifikat C1

**Italian**  
CELI 4 PLIDA C1

**Spanish**  
DELE C1

## C2

**English**  
Proficiency in English  
BULATS, IELTS, TOEFL

**French**  
DALF C2  
Diplôme de Français Professionnel (DFP) C2

**German**  
Goethe-Zertifikat C2

**Italian**  
CELI 5 PLIDA C2