



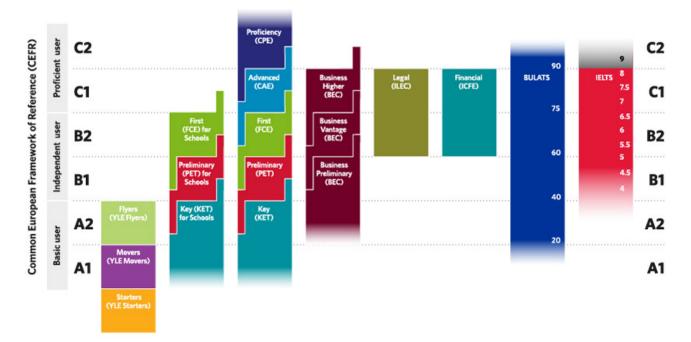
Common European Framework for Reference - CEFR Can Do Statements



CEFR Equivalence to IELTS and Other Cambridge English Exams

Cambridge English

A range of exams to meet different needs



ALTE Can Do Statements: overall general ability				
CEFR LEVELS	Listening/Speaking	Reading	Writing	
C2	CAN advise on or	CAN	CAN write	
	talk about complex	understand	letters on any	
	or sensitive issues,	documents,	subject and full	
	understanding	correspondence	notes of	
	colloquial	and reports,	meetings or	
	references and deal	including the	seminars with	
	confidently with	finer points of	good expression	
	hostile questions.	complex texts.	and accuracy.	
C1	CAN contribute	CAN read	CAN	
	effectively to	quickly enough	prepare/draft	
	meetings and	to cope with an	professional	
	seminars within	academic	correspondence,	
	own area of work or	course, to read	take reasonably	
	keep up a casual	the media for	accurate notes	
	conversation with a	information or	in meetings or	



	good degree of fluency, coping with abstract expressions.	to understand non-standard correspondence.	write an essay which shows an ability to communicate.
B2	CAN follow or give a talk on a familiar topic or keep up a conversation on a fairly wide range of topics.	CAN scan texts for relevant information, and understand detailed instructions or advice.	CAN make notes while someone is talking or write a letter including non- standard requests.
B1	CAN 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 routine information and articles, and the general meaning of non-routine information within a familiar area.	CAN write letters or make notes on familiar or predictable matters.
A2	CAN express simple opinions or requirements in a familiar context.	CAN understand straightforward information within a known area, such as on products and signs and simple textbooks or reports on familiar matters.	CAN complete forms and write short, simple letters or postcards related to personal information.
A1	CAN understand basic instructions or 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.

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How many hours of study to reach each level?

We are often asked about the number of study hours (or guided learning hours) required to reach a certain examination level. It is not possible to give a categorical answer to this, as hours of study required will vary depending upon several factors, such as the candidate's language learning background, the intensity of the study, the inclinations and age of the individual, as well as the amount of study/exposure outside of lesson times. The following figures are, however, sometimes quoted as an approximate guideline:

CEFR Level	Guided Learning Hours
C2	approximately 1,000-1,200
C1	approximately 700-800
B2	approximately 500-600
B1	approximately 350-400
A2	approximately 180-200