

A guide to what each level means

THE OVERALL LEVEL

A1

You can understand common saying and very simple announcements.
You can introduce yourself and someone else.
You can answer simple questions about your age, language and location.

A2

You can understand single sentences and frequent expressions.
You can have a simple conversation about familiar topics such as your work, your friends, your hobbies...

B1

You can understand the main points when language is standard and produce simple and coherent speech on familiar topics.
You can give your point of view and explanations in a simple and short way.
You can deal with most situations during a trip.

B2

You can understand the main points of a complex text and communicate with spontaneity and ease.
You can express an opinion on a current topic and talk about pros and cons.
You can talk about past events and report someone's words.

C1

You can understand long texts with implicit meanings.
You can express yourself fluently and flexibly in your social, professional or academic life.
You can discuss and write about complex topics in a clearly structured way.

C2

You can understand everything you read and hear without effort.
You can synthesize different written and spoken sources.
You can express yourself spontaneously and accurately.
You can understand and express fine nuances of meaning.



ORAL COMPREHENSION



WRITTEN COMPREHENSION



ORAL PRODUCTION



WRITTEN PRODUCTION

A1

You can understand familiar words and expressions if people speak clearly and slowly.

You can understand simple sentences like on an ad, poster or catalog.

You can communicate in a simple way on familiar topics.
You can use simple sentences to describe your immediate environment.

You can write small and simple texts.

A2

You can understand simple and clear messages; frequently used words and expressions about your family, shopping, work or yourself.

You can understand simple and short texts. You can find information in documents such as advertisements, flyers, menus, schedules.

You can exchange simple and direct information on familiar topics.

You can write short and simple messages.

B1

You can understand the main points of clear standard speech on familiar topics such as work, school, hobbies, etc. You can understand the general ideas of radio and television programs on the news if spoken clearly.

You can understand texts in everyday and work-related language.
You can understand descriptions of events, expressions of feelings and wishes in personal letters.

You can communicate without preparation on familiar subjects.
You can share your experiences, plans, hopes and give brief explanations.
You can tell a short story with some details.

You can write a simple and coherent text on familiar topics.
You can describe your experiences and impressions in a letter.

B2

You can understand long speeches and follow complex arguments on familiar topics. You can understand most news programs, radio features, etc.

You can read argumentative press articles on general themes.

You can communicate with spontaneity and a certain ease.
You can present and defend your opinions, explain the pros and cons of a topic.

You can write clear and detailed texts on a variety of topics related to your interests. You can communicate information and express your opinion in writing.

C1

You can understand long speeches or interviews with varying degrees of structure and meaning.
You can understand most television and radio programs.

You can understand long and complex texts of different styles.
You can understand specialized articles in your field.

You can express yourself spontaneously and fluently. You can express your ideas and opinions and relate them to those of others.

You can write structured texts and develop your point of view on complex subjects in a letter, an essay, a report. You can adapt your style to the recipient.

C2

You can understand spoken language and any type of audio material without difficulty. (Provided you have time to familiarize yourself with a particular accent).

You can read any type of text, both abstract and complex, such as a specialized article or a literary work.

You can converse effortlessly and are comfortable with common phrases and expressions.
You can express fine nuances of meaning and present logical, easy-to-follow speech.

You can write a clear and fluid text with an adapted style.
You have an effective style, completely adapted to the recipient and the situation.