

General Abilities Evaluation Grid

ALTE (Association of Language Testers in Europe) and the Common European Framework (CEF)

ALTE levels	CEF	Listening/Speaking	Reading	Writing
Advanced Level 5	C2	CAN advise on or talk about complex or sensitive issues, understanding colloquial references and dealing 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.
Upper-Intermediate Level 4	C1	CAN contribute effectively to meetings and seminars within own area of work or 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, to read the media for information or to understand non-standard correspondence.	CAN prepare/draft professional correspondence, take reasonably accurate notes in the meetings or write an essay which shows an ability to communicate.
Intermediate Level 3	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.
Lower-Intermediate Level 2	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.
Pre-Intermediate Level 1	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.
False beginner / Elementary Level 0	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.

The levels we attribute to the students correspond to the ALTE levels. The descriptions above are intended to serve as guidelines and are not exhaustive.