

Summary of CEFR Levels

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A candidate at this level is likely to be a proficient user of English and is able to understand long and complex factual and literary texts, appreciating distinctions of style as well as specialized articles and longer technical instructions outside their field of special interest.

B2

A candidate at this level is likely to be an independent user of English and is able to read articles and reports concerned with contemporary problems in which the writers adopt particular attitudes or viewpoints. The candidate is also able to understand contemporary literary prose.

B1

A candidate at this level is likely to be an independent user of English and is able to understand texts that consist of mainly high frequency every day or job-related language.

A2

A candidate at this level is likely to be a basic user of English and can understand very short simple texts and find specific predictable information in simple everyday material such as advertisements, prospectuses, menus and timetables.

A1

A candidate at this level is likely to be a basic user of English and can understand familiar names, words and very simple sentences, for example on notices and posters or in catalogues.

A0

A candidate at this level is not yet likely to be a basic user of English and may only be able to identify high frequency words (such as familiar international brand names) in simple everyday material.