

CEFR Level Descriptors for Languages

If you are not sure of your level please read the descriptions below based on the Common European Framework of Reference for Languages (CEFR). Note that these are basic pre-requirements to joining a level.

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Beginners

- Can understand simple greetings and some individual words but cannot understand the basic topic of a conversation.
- Can only produce simple greetings and a few international words.
- In reading they may understand simple signs and in writing be able to write disconnected words with spelling errors. (CEFR = A1)

Pre-intermediate

- Can recognise and use familiar words and phrases concerning themselves, their family, and their immediate surroundings, and can ask and answer simple questions on these topics.
- Can understand common names, words and simple sentences when reading and listening.
- Can compose short pieces of writing based on biographical information of themselves or others. (CEFR = A1.2)

Intermediate

- Can understand general conversation involving fluent speakers, provided that some allowances are made, or occasional help given.
- Can produce well enough to make relevant contributions and to get satisfactory information from other speakers by questioning as necessary.
- Is functionally competent for all everyday negotiations except when there are completely unpredictable problems.
- In reading can understand the general idea of authentic texts and can write effective communications of information or opinion, but with a number of errors, or problems because of inability to handle some of the more complex structures. (CEFR = B1)

If you are still unsure about your language level please contact us for more information.