

Final level C – Competent user

C2

Practically anything heard or read can be easily understood; is able to summarize information from different verbal and written sources, construct arguments and prepare a coherent report thereof; is able to express oneself spontaneously, fluently and precisely and can make distinctions between minor nuances, even in more complex situations; this is the language level of a highly qualified *near-native* speaker; (this level is not described in greater detail within the European Reference Framework).

C1

Is able to understand a wide range of demanding, extensive texts and recognize the implicit meaning; is able to express oneself fluently and spontaneously without the need to think of words and phrases; is able to handle the language flexibly and effectively for social, academic and professional purposes; is able to produce a clear, well-constructed and detailed text on complex subjects and use organizational structures and connecting words.

Final level B – Independent user

B2

Is able to understand the principal idea of complex texts, both on concrete and abstract subjects, including technical discussions concerning the personal field of expertise; is able to respond at a level of fluency and spontaneity producing a normal exchange with native speakers without either party having to make an effort; is able to produce clear and detailed texts on a wide range of subjects; is able to set out a viewpoint on current matters and discuss the advantages and disadvantages of various options.

B1

Is able to understand the main points from clear standard texts on familiar matters which frequently occur at work, school and during leisure time; is able to manage most situations which can occur when travelling in areas where the relevant language is spoken; is able to produce a straightforward text on subjects which are familiar or of a personal interest; is able to provide a description of experiences, events, dreams, expectations and ambitions and can provide reasons and explanations in support of opinions and plans.

Final level A – Basic user

A2

Is able to understand sentences and common expressions which relate to matters of direct interest (e.g. personal details, family, shopping, local geography, work); is able to communicate in simple and straightforward expressions describing aspects that include common tasks, personal background, direct surroundings and matters in the field of various needs.

A1

Is able to understand and apply familiar and common expressions and basic sentences for the satisfaction of basic needs; is able to introduce oneself to others and can ask and reply to questions on personal details such as where he/she lives, people he/she knows and things he/she possesses; is able to respond in a simple manner, provided the other party speaks slowly and clearly and is prepared to help.