

What level am I working at?

Speaking and Listening

Please tick all the statements that are correct - the level where the ticks stop is the best level for you to start at.

PRE ENTRY / BEGINNERS - STEP 1

I am not able to speak, read or write in the language.

BEGINNERS - STEP 2

I am able to order basic food or drinks.

I am able to ask and understand basic directions.

I am able to book a hotel room and buy a train ticket using simple language.

BEGINNERS - STEP 3

I have some sense of knowledge of the past tense.

I am able to say that I am unwell/explain symptoms.

INTERMEDIATE - STEP 1

I can understand the main points of a conversation on familiar matters

I can briefly give reasons and explanations of opinions and plans

INTERMEDIATE - STEP 2

I can understand conversations and most TV news and current affairs programmes and follow lines of argument on familiar topics

I can take an active part in discussions with a degree of fluency

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INTERMEDIATE - STEP 3

I can understand television programmes and films without too much effort and take part in extended conversations.

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I can use language flexibly and effectively for social and professional purposes

ADVANCED

I can take part effortlessly in any conversation or discussion and have a good familiarity with expressions and colloquialisms. I can express myself fluently and convey finer shades of meaning precisely.

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Reading

Please tick all the statements that are correct - the level where the ticks stop is the best level for you to start at.

BEGINNERS - STEP 2

I can read and understand some simple words in the language

BEGINNERS - STEP 3

I am able to read some simple sentences

I can understand some formal/informal verb construction

INTERMEDIATE - STEP 1

I can understand texts that consist mainly of high frequency everyday or job-related language

I can understand the description of events, feelings and wishes in personal letters

INTERMEDIATE - STEP 2

I can read articles and reports concerned with contemporary problems in which the writers adopt particular attitudes or viewpoints.

INTERMEDIATE - STEP 3

I can understand long and complex factual and literary texts, appreciating distinctions of style.

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Writing

Please tick all the statements that are correct - the level where the ticks stop is the best level for you to start at.

BEGINNERS - STEP 2

I can write simple sentences.

BEGINNERS - STEP 3

I am able to write some longer sentences

I have some knowledge of basic sentence construction

INTERMEDIATE - STEP 1

I can write simple connected text on topics which are familiar or of personal interest.

INTERMEDIATE - STEP 2

I can write clear, detailed text on a wide range of subjects related to my interests.

INTERMEDIATE - STEP 3

I can write about complex subjects in a letter, an essay or a report, underlining what I consider to be the salient issues. I can select style appropriate to the reader in mind.