# THE LANGUAGE PLACE GUIDE TO LEVELS 

Our levels system is based on the Common European Framework of Reference for Languages (CEFR), the Council of Europe's level's system for proficiency in a $2^{\text {nd }}$ language.

Most students have A1 Elementary level after 60-90 hours of language learning


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 A2 Pre-Intermediate level after $\mathbf{1 8 0}$ hours of language learningMost students have C1 Advanced level after 840 hours of language learning

Most students have B1 Intermediate level after 360 hours of language learning

Most students have B2 Pre-Advanced level after 600 hours of language learning

What is the difference between the levels?
A level in a $2^{\text {nd }}$ language depends on what you can do in that $2^{\text {nd }}$ language. Your speaking, listening, reading and writing skills are assessed. This is what most learners can do at the end of each level:

## A1 Elementary

I can understand words I see or hear often. I can write a short email or message. I can use common words and phrases to talk about my life, my family, my country, my interests and my job/school. I know about 2,000 words

C2 Proficicency
I have a very extensive vocabulary and I can read, write, listen and speak as well
as an educated native speaker. I have no difficulty understanding any type of spoken or written language. I know about 26,000 words


## C1 Advanced

I can understand everything | read and hear even if the language is new or complex. I can understand most accents. My language level is good enough to do all jobs or to follow a course at university. I know about 20,000 words

## B1 Intermediate

I can read, write and speak the language quite well. I can understand many people speaking at normal speed. I can communicate my ideas but I still make mistakes with more complex language. I know about 8,000 words


| YOUNG LEARNERS | ADULT LEARNERS | WHAT LEVEL SHOULD I DO? | LEVELS | EXAMS |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Starter | A1.1 <br> Elementary 1 | You can do this level if you are starting from the beginning | A1 |  |
| Junior 1 1st Year <br> Junior 2  | A1.2 Elementary 2 | You can do this level after 30 hours of language learning | Your level is basic | DELE A1 <br> DELF A1 <br> CELI A1 <br> Goethe <br> Zertifikat A1 |
|  | A1+ <br> Refresher | You can do this level after 60 hours of language learning |  |  |
| Junior 3 2nd Year | A2.1 <br> Pre-Intermediate 1 | You can do this level after 90 hours of language learning | A2 <br> Your level is ok | DELE A2 <br> DELF A1 <br> CELI A2 <br> Goethe <br> Zertifikat A2 <br> A2 KET <br> IELTS: 3-3.5 |
| Junior Certificate | A2. 2 <br> Pre-Intermediate 2 | You can do this level after 120 hours of language learning |  |  |
|  | A2+ <br> Refresher | You can do this level after 150 hours of language learning |  |  |
| 5th Year <br> Leaving Certificate $0$ | B1.1 Intermediate 1 | You can do this level after 180 hours of langauge learning | B1 | DELE B1 DELF $B 1$ |
|  | $\begin{gathered} \text { B1.2 } \\ \text { Intermediate } 2 \end{gathered}$ | You can do this level after 240 hours of langauge learning | Your level is good | CELI B1 <br> Goethe B1 B1 PET |
|  | $\overline{\mathrm{B} 1+}$ <br> Refresher | You can do this level after 300 hours of langauge learning |  | BEC $P$ <br> IELTS: 4-5.5 |
| Leaving Certificate H | B2.1 <br> Upper-Intermediate | You can do this level after 360 hours of language learning | B2 | DELE $B 2$ DELF B2 |
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|  | B2.2 <br> Pre-Advanced | You can do this level after 420 hours of language learning | Your level is very good | Goethe B2 <br> B2 FIRST <br> BEC V |
| Third level Year 1 |  |  |  |  |
| Third level Year 2 | $\overline{B 2+}$ <br> Refresher | You can do this level after 480 hours of language learning |  | IELTS: 6-6.5 |
| Third level Year 3 | C1.1 <br> Advanced 1 | You can do this level after 600 hours of language learning | C1 | DELE C1 |
|  |  |  |  | DELF C1 CELI C1 |
|  |  |  | Your level is excellent | Goeth C1 |
| Third level Year 4 | C1.2 <br> Advanced 2 | You can do this level after 720 hours of language learning |  | CAE <br> BEC H <br> IELTS: 7-8 |
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|  | $\mathrm{C} 2.1$ <br> Proficiency 1 | You can do this level after 840 hours of language learning | C2 | DELE C2 DELF C2 CELI C2 |
|  | C2. 2 <br> Proficiency 2 | You can do this level after 960 hours of language learning | Your level is native-like | Goethe C2 <br> CPE <br> IELTS: 9 |

