

ENGLISH LEVELS FOR EAL STUDENTS IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE COMMON EUROPEAN FRAMEWORK OF REFERENCE (CEFR) 'GLOBAL SCALE'.

ALTE (ASSOCIATION OF LANGUAGE TESTERS OF EUROPE) 'CAN DO' STATEMENTS (slightly adapted)

LEVELS	ESOL EXAMINATION EQUIVALENT	LISTENING / SPEAKING	READING	WRITING
C2 ALTE Level 5 Proficient User (Near Native Speaker Fluency)	IELTS SCORE 9	CAN advise on or talk about complex or sensitive issues, understanding colloquial references and dealing confidently with hostile questions.	CAN understand documents, correspondence and reports, including the finer points of complex texts.	CAN write letters or essays on any subject and full notes of meetings or seminars with good expression and accuracy.
C1 ALTE Level 4 Proficient User (Advanced)	IELTS SCORE 6.5 – 8 CAMBRIDGE ADVANCED	CAN contribute effectively to meetings and seminars within own area of work or keep up a casual conversation with a good degree of fluency, coping with abstract expressions.	CAN read quickly enough to cope with an academic course, to read the media for information or to understand non-standard correspondence.	CAN prepare/draft professional correspondence, take reasonably accurate notes or write an essay which shows an ability to communicate.
B2 ALTE Level 3 Independent User	IELTS SCORE 5 - 6.5	CAN follow or give a talk on a familiar topic or keep	CAN scan texts for relevant (more factual) information, and	CAN make notes that will be of reasonable use for

(Upper-Intermediate)	CAMBRIDGE B2 FIRST FOR SCHOOLS	up a conversation on a fairly wide range of topics.	understand detailed instructions or advice.	essay or revision purposes.
B1 ALTE Level 2 Independent User (Intermediate)	CAMBRIDGE B1 PRELIMINARY FOR SCHOOLS	CAN express opinions on abstract/cultural matters in a limited way or offer advice within a known area, and understand instructions or public announcements.	CAN understand routine information and articles, and the general meaning of non-routine information within a familiar area.	CAN write letters or make notes on familiar or predictable matters.
A2 ALTE Level 1 Basic User (Lower-Intermediate or Elementary)	CAMBRIDGE A2 KEY FOR SCHOOLS	CAN express simple opinions or requirements in a familiar context.	CAN understand straightforward information within a known area, such as on products and signs and simple textbooks or reports on familiar matters.	CAN complete simple narratives or descriptions, forms and write short simple letters or postcards related to personal information.
A1 ALTE Breakthrough Level Basic User (Beginner)	CAMBRIDGE (YLE) YOUNG LEARNERS STARTERS, MOVERS AND FLYERS	CAN understand basic instructions or take part in a basic factual conversation on a predictable topic.	CAN understand basic notices, instructions or information.	CAN complete basic forms, and write notes including times, dates and places.