

English Language Test Comparison Chart

International English Language Proficiency Levels					
CEFL Level	Common European Framework of Reference for Languages (CEFR) ¹	Cambridge ESOL	Cambridge BEC	IELTS	TOEFL ²
7 Proficient [CPE]	C2 Mastery				
		CPE		Band 9	600/250
6 Advanced [CAE]	C1 Effectiveness	CAE	BEC Higher	Band 8	550/213
				Band 7	
5 Upper-intermediate [Pre-CAE]	B2 Vantage	FCE	BEC Vantage	Band 6	500/173
				Band 5	
4 Intermediate [Pre-FCE/FCE]	B1 Threshold	PET	BEC Preliminary	Band 4	450/133
				Band 3	
3 Pre-Intermediate [PET]	A2 Waystage	KET			
2 Elementary [KET]	A1 Breakthrough				
1 Beginner [GEP]					
Complete Beginner [Conversational English]					

¹ Common European Framework of Reference for Languages (CEFR) is a guideline used to describe achievements of learners of foreign languages across Europe and, increasingly, in other countries. Its main aim is to provide a method of learning, teaching and assessing which applies to all languages in Europe.

² Scores indicate paper/computer based test.