

## General English and for School

- **KET** (Key English Test): elementary: A2 in CEF
- **PET** (Preliminary English Test): intermediate: B1 in CEF

## Academic and Professional English

- **FCE** (First Certificate in English): upper intermediate : B2 in CEF
- **CAE** (Certificate in Advanced English): advanced : C1 in CEF

The **Common European Framework of Reference for Languages** (CEF or CEFR) was put together by the Council of Europe as a way of standardising the levels of language exams in different regions. It is very widely used internationally and all important exams are mapped to the CEFR.

There are six levels: A1, A2, B1, B2, C1, C2. These are described in the table below.

Council of Europe levels	Description
<b>C2</b> Mastery	The capacity to deal with material which is academic or cognitively demanding, and to use language to good effect at a level of performance which may in certain respects be more advanced than that of an average native speaker. Example: <i>CAN scan texts for relevant information, and grasp main topic of text, reading almost as quickly as a native speaker.</i>
<b>C1</b> Effective Operational Proficiency	The ability to communicate with the emphasis on how well it is done, in terms of appropriacy, sensitivity and the capacity to deal with unfamiliar topics. Example: <i>CAN deal with hostile questioning confidently. CAN get and hold onto his/her turn to speak.</i>
<b>B2</b> Vantage	The capacity to achieve most goals and express oneself on a range of topics. Example: <i>CAN show visitors around and give a detailed description of a place.</i>
<b>B1</b> Threshold	The ability to express oneself in a limited way in familiar situations and to deal in a general way with nonroutine information. Example: <i>CAN ask to open an account at a bank, provided that the procedure is straightforward.</i>
<b>A2</b> Waystage	An ability to deal with simple, straightforward information and begin to express oneself in familiar contexts. Example: <i>CAN take part in a routine conversation on simple predictable topics.</i>
<b>A1</b> Breakthrough	A basic ability to communicate and exchange information in a simple way. Example: <i>CAN ask simple questions about a menu and understand simple answers.</i>

**KET (Key English Test) >>**

An elementary level exam, testing your ability to deal with basic written and spoken communications.

**PET (Preliminary English Test) >>**

An intermediate level exam, testing your ability to cope with everyday written and spoken communications.

**FCE (First Certificate in English) >>**

An upper intermediate level exam - ideal if you can deal confidently with a range of written and spoken communications.

**CAE (Certificate in Advanced English) >>**

An advanced exam - if you can communicate with confidence in English for work or study purposes, this is the exam for you.