

CEFR Levels for Cambridge IGCSE® First Language English

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Common European Framework of Reference for Languages (CEFR)

Type of Language user	CEFR Level
Proficient User	C2 – Mastery
	C1 – Effective operational proficiency
Independent User	B2 -- Vantage
	B1 -- Threshold
Basic User	A2 -- Waystage
	A1 -- Breakthrough

CEFR levels of IGCSE E1L by skill

Syllabus 0522 (Speaking and Listening compulsory)

Component level	Reading	Writing	Listening*	Speaking
Grade A	C2	C1	B2	C1
Grade B	C1	C1	B2	C1
Grade C	B2	B2	B2	B2
Grade D	B2	B2	B2	B2
Grade E	B2	B2	B2	B1
Grade F	B1	B1	B2	B1
Grade G	B1	B1	B1	A2

Syllabus 0500 (Speaking and Listening separately endorsed)

Component level	Reading	Writing		Component level	Listening*	Speaking
Grade A	C2	C1		Grade 1	B2	C1
Grade B	C1	C1		Grade 2	B2	B2
Grade C	B2	B2		Grade 3	B2	B1
Grade D	B2	B2		Grade 4	B1	A2
Grade E	B2	B2		Grade 5	B1 or below	A2 or below
Grade F	B1	B1				
Grade G	B1	B1				

A* not awarded at component level

* Candidates may have a Listening level higher than CEFR B2. The integrated speaking and listening test is not designed to measure a range of listening skills.