

Global and the Common European Framework

An introduction

What is the Common European Framework?

The Common European Framework (CEF) is a standard created by the Council of Europe to describe language competence.

What are the Common European Framework levels?

The Common European Framework divides learners into six levels:

A Basic Speaker

A1

A2

B Independent Speaker

B1

B2

C Proficient Speaker

C1

C2

This is how the CEF levels correlate with some common exams:

CEF level	ALTE level	Cambridge exam	IELTS	TOEFL
A1	Breakthrough level		IELTS 1.0-2.5	
A2	Level 1	KET	IELTS 3.0	
B1	Level 2	PET	IELTS 3.5-4.5	
B2	Level 3	FCE	IELTS 5.0-6.0	650-800 points
C1	Level 4	CAE	IELTS 6.5-7.0	800-900 points
C2	Level 5	CPE	IELTS 7.5-9.0	900 + points

By the end of **Global Beginner**, you should be able to do most of the things described at the A1 level.

By the end of **Global Elementary**, you should be able to do most of the things described at the A2 level.

By the end of **Global Pre-intermediate**, you should be able to do many of the things described at the B1 level.

By the end of **Global Intermediate**, you should be able to do most of the things described at the B1 level.

By the end of **Global Upper intermediate**, you should be able to do most of the things described at the B2 level.

By the end of **Global Advanced**, you should be able to do most of the things described at the C1 level.

What are the 'can do' statements?

The way to assess your CEF level is by describing what you can do in the different skills (reading, writing, listening, speaking).

To help you to assess your progress, we have provided checklists for each unit of the coursebook.

You can use these checklists to get a personal picture of your own individual progress and compare them with the suggested targets for each level.

This is not a formal assessment, but a way of checking progress through the course.

What other material can I use?

In addition to the self-assessment checklists you can also use the following documents:

- Needs analysis
- Language passport
- Suggestions to create a Personal Dossier