



CEFR Skill Descriptors

Listening

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- A0** Not enough to allow for any meaningful inferences about the candidate's ability.
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- A1** Can follow speech which is very slow and carefully articulated, with long pauses for him/her to assimilate meaning.
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- A2** Can understand enough to be able to meet needs of a concrete type provided speech is clearly and slowly articulated.
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- B1** Can understand straightforward factual information about common everyday or job related topics, identifying both general messages and specific details, provided speech is clearly articulated in a generally familiar accent.
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- B2** Can understand the main ideas of propositionally and linguistically complex speech on both concrete and abstract topics delivered in a standard dialect, including technical discussions in his/her field of specialisation.
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- C1** Can understand enough to follow extended speech on abstract and complex topics beyond his/her own field.
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Reading

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- A0** Not enough to allow for any meaningful inferences about the candidate's ability.
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- A1** Can understand very short, simple texts a single phrase at a time, picking up familiar names, words and basic phrases and rereading as required.
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- A2** Can understand short, simple texts on familiar matters of a concrete type which consist of high frequency everyday or job-related language.
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- B1** Can read straightforward factual texts on subjects related to his/her field and interest with a satisfactory level of comprehension.
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- B2** Can read with a large degree of independence, adapting style and speed of reading to different texts and purposes, and using appropriate reference sources selectively.
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- C1** Can understand in detail lengthy, complex texts, whether or not they relate to his/her own area of speciality.
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Speaking

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- A0** Not enough to allow for any meaningful inferences about the candidate's ability.
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- A1** Can produce simple descriptions on mainly personal topics.
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- A2** Can give a simple description or presentation of people, living or working conditions, daily routines likes/dislikes, etc. as a short series of simple phrases and sentences linked into a list
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- B1** Can reasonably fluently sustain a straightforward description of one of a variety of subjects within his/her field of interest, presenting it as a linear sequence of points.
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- B2** Can give clear, systematically developed descriptions and presentations on a wide range of subjects related to his/her field of interest, with appropriate highlighting of significant points, and relevant supporting detail.
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- C1** Can give clear, detailed descriptions and presentations on complex subjects.
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Writing

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- A0** Not enough to allow for any meaningful inferences about the candidate's ability.
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- A1** Can write simple isolated phrases and sentences.
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- A2** Can write a series of simple phrases and sentences linked with simple connectors like 'and', 'but' and 'because'.
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- B1** Can write straightforward connected texts on a range of familiar subjects within his field of interest, by linking a series of shorter discrete elements into a linear sequence.
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- B2** Can write clear, detailed texts on a variety of subjects related to his/her field of interest and shows an ability to use different registers within written texts.
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- C1** Can write clear, well-structured texts of complex subjects, underlining the relevant salient issues.
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