

Aptis Scores Explained

Aptis results are reported in two ways: with **numerical** scores and **CEFR (Common European Framework of Reference)** levels.

- 1 **Numerical score:** this is a score on a scale of 0 to 50 by skill (known as the scale score).
 If you have taken Aptis 4-skills, you will receive a **Final Scale Score**: /200.
 If you have taken one, two or three skills, your **Final Scale Score** will be:
 /50 (one skill)
 /100 (two skills)
 /150 (three skills)

These skills scores indicate your performance in the skills components and reflect your ability to understand and communicate in English.

Scale Score – Examples of Different Reports

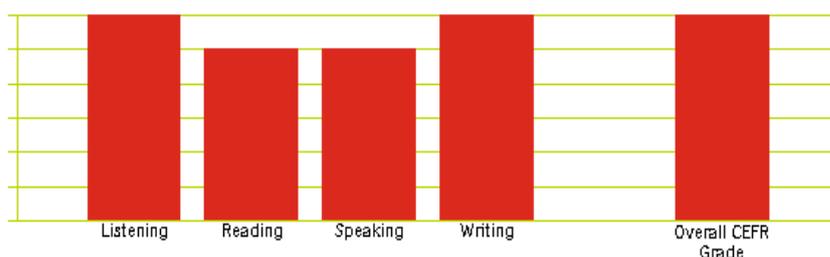
One Skill		Two Skills		Three Skills		Four Skills	
Skill Name	Skill Score	Skill Name	Skill Score	Skill Name	Skill Score	Skill Name	Skill Score
Listening	42/50	Speaking	32/50	Listening	38/50	Listening	38/50
Final Scale Score	42/50	Writing	28/50	Reading	40/50	Reading	40/50
Grammar & Vocab	47/50	Final Scale Score	60/100	Speaking	43/50	Speaking	43/50
		Grammar & Vocab	24/50	Final Scale Score	121/150	Writing	48/50
				Grammar & Vocab	41/50	Final Scale Score	169/200
						Grammar & Vocab	43/50

You also receive a separate score for the Grammar & Vocabulary component. This score reflects your grammatical and vocabulary knowledge of the English language. This score is also /50 and is not included in your **Final Scale Score**. See Section 3 for a more detailed explanation.

- 2 **CEFR (Common European Framework of Reference)** levels by skill:
 A0, A1, A2, B1, B2, C. A0 is the lowest level and C the highest.
 These levels are calculated using your numerical/scale scores.
 If you have taken Aptis 4-skills, you will receive an **Overall CEFR Grade**. This is calculated using the CEFR results of all four skills.

CEFR Skill Profile

C
B2
B2
A2
A1
A0



The **CEFR** consists of 6 bands (plus the A0 band, which indicates that a person is a total beginner). Each band explains what you are able to do in English in a particular skill. The bands are very broad, each representing a wide range of ability. So not all candidates at B2 level, for example, have exactly the same score or the same language ability – for example, the following two statements are both indicators of B2, though clearly the first is at a higher level than the second:

I can use a range of language to express abstract ideas as well as topical subjects, correcting most of my mistakes in the process

I can write at length about topical issues, even though complex concepts may be oversimplified, and can correct many of my mistakes in the process.

In each of the four skill papers, there are questions aimed at different CEFR levels. Since each skill paper has a different number of questions aimed at each level the borderline between one CEFR level and the next, occurs at different points in the different skills components. For example: a score of 38 may give a CEFR level of B2 in one skill, but not in all.

3 The **Grammar & Vocabulary** component is an important part of Aptis, as it helps to provide a detailed picture of your language competence.

Your score in this component may be used to improve your results: if the CEFR level of any of your skills falls slightly below the borderline with the next level, the Aptis system is designed to look carefully at your Grammar & Vocabulary score. If it is high enough, they will award you the next level for that skill.

For example, if your Speaking level is B1, but just below the borderline with B2, and your Grammar & Vocabulary score is above a set number, you will get a B2. However, it's important to understand that your level will never be lowered, using this or any other procedure.

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