

# Introduction to CEFR

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### What is CEFR?



#### Common

European

**Framework of** 

**Reference for languages** 



### Purpose



Common scale for measuring language ability

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- Way to compare proficiency across
  languages
- Help to structure language learning



### 3 levels, 6 sub-levels

<b>C: Proficient</b>	<b>C2</b>
	<b>C1</b>
<b>B: Independent</b>	<b>B2</b>
	<b>B1</b>
A: Basic User	A2
	A1



# **Global descriptors**

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#### A1:

Can understand and use familiar everyday expressions and very basic phrases aimed at the satisfaction of needs of a concrete type.

Can introduce him/herself and others and can ask and answer questions about personal details such as where he/she lives, people he/she knows and things he/she has.

Can interact in a simple way provided the other person talks slowly and clearly and is prepared to help.

## **Global descriptors**



#### **C2**:

Can understand with ease virtually everything heard or read.

Can summarise information from different spoken and written sources, reconstructing arguments and accounts in a coherent presentation.

Can express him/herself spontaneously, very fluently and precisely, differentiating finer shades of meaning even in more complex situations.

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