

English Language Levels

We offer classes at a wide range of levels. We think it is important that you are put in the right class at the right level. This way you can improve more quickly. Here you can find information that tells you what the levels mean. You can also see how the levels compare to the major examinations and the Common European Framework. It is important you think about your level before you come. If you are below the minimum required level we may not be able to accept you. In this case, we can offer you alternative courses or a refund of your course fee.

HIBS Levels	Description	Council of Europe/ ALTE	IELTS	UCLES	TOEFL	TOEFL (Computer Based)
Pre-proficiency	<i>"I am fluent and precise in my speaking and understanding of English"</i>	C2	7.0 /7.5	CPE	600-620	250-260
Advanced	<i>"Although I speak and understand English very well, I still have some problems with unfamiliar situations and vocabulary"</i>	C1	6.0/6.5	CAE	540-570	207-233
Upper-intermediate	<i>"I can communicate reasonably effectively but do not always understand what people say"</i>	B2	5.0/5.5	FCE	500-520	170-190
Intermediate	<i>"I can speak and understand what people say in familiar situations but I have problems with complex grammar and vocabulary"</i>	B1	4.0/4.5	PET	350-400	75-97
Pre-intermediate	<i>"I can communicate simply when I am in familiar, everyday situations"</i>	A2 / B1	3.0/3.5	KET	250-300	Below 40
Elementary	<i>"I can talk a little and understand people if they speak slowly and clearly"</i>	A1/A2	2.0/2.5			