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Introduction

How good is your knowledge of the English language? Do you know the right meaning of English words? Can you use verbs in the right form and tense? Can you draw conclusions based on an English text?

The answer to those question is apparent from the English test you completed. The test consists of six sections: three on basic knowledge (knowledge of words and English grammar) and three sections on applied knowledge.

Verbs: Applying verbs in a sentence.

Words in context: Choosing the correct words in a sentence.

Vocabulary: Knowledge of meaning of different kinds of words.

Social Conventions: Knowledge and application of expressions used in social situations.

Expressions: Knowing and applying expressions

Reading comprehension: Understanding texts.

For the final score, we use the Common European Framework of Reference for Modern Foreign Languages. It is divided in levels from A1 to C2. The test gives a passive knowledge score from level A1 to B2; level C is not measured. A description of the levels used in this framework of reference can be found in the annex.

The total score ranges from A1-, A1, A1+, A2-, A2, A2+, B1-, B1, B1+, B2-, B2 to B2+.

For the purpose of clarification: Proficiency in English is about more than knowledge alone: skills such as writing, listening and speaking are not assessed in this test!

Overview scores

	Total score				
	A1+	A1	A2	B1	B2
Verbs		A1			
Vocabulary		A1			
Words in context		A1			
Expressions		A1			
Social conventions			A2		
Reading comprehension			A2		

Annex: English proficiency levels

Level A: Basic user

A1: Can understand and use everyday expressions and basic phrases, aimed at fulfilling concrete needs. Able to introduce themselves to others and ask and answer questions on personal details, such as where they live, who they know and the things they own. Can give a simple reply, provided the other person speaks slowly and clearly and is prepared to assist.

A2: Able to understand sentences and frequently occurring expressions that relate to topics of immediate interest (such as personal details, family, shopping, local geography, work). Able to communicate on simple and everyday tasks that require a simple and immediate exchange on familiar and everyday topics. Able to describe aspects of their own background, the immediate environment and issues relating to immediate needs in simple terms.

Level B: Independent user

B1: Can understand the main points from clear standard texts on familiar topics that arise regularly at work, at school and in leisure activities. Able to manage most situations that may arise while travelling in regions where the language is spoken. Able to produce a simple plain text on topics that are familiar or of personal interest. Able to give a description of experiences and events, dreams, expectations and ambitions and can briefly give reasons and explanations for opinions and plans.

B2: Can understand the main idea behind a complex text, both on concrete and on abstract topics, including technical discussions in their own discipline. Able to respond sufficiently fluently and spontaneously to allow for a normal exchange with native speakers without any need for a special effort from either side. Able to produce clear, detailed text on a broad range of topics; able to explain a viewpoint on a current topic and elaborate on the pros and cons of various options.