

Self Assessment Language Grid

When choosing the correct course, you don't have to be at the exact ability level indicated in all of the skill areas - you may be strong in one or two areas and less able in the others.

I F Y O U C A N	Speaking	Listening	Reading	Writing	Communication Skills	You Should Join
	Say a few words.	Understand isolated words and phrases.	Understand isolated words.	Write some isolated words.		Beginners
	Beginners courses are also for those who are completely new					
	Reply to simple sentences on familiar topics.	Understand simple phrases on predictable topics.	Understand key words but not the general meaning.	Fill in personal information forms and write simple messages.	Provide personal information, order food and drink, arrange travel, give and request directions, do some shopping, use numbers, times and dates.	Beginners Plus
	Speak about familiar and predictable topics.	Understand familiar and predictable topics spoken.	Understand instructions and the gist of short texts.	Write short texts and messages on familiar topics.	Describe events in the past and be able to express future plans, options, preferences and wishes. For those with GCSE standard or equivalent.	
	Maintain a conversation on topics with an element of unpredictability.	Understand the gist of a broad range of topics spoken at normal speed.	Understand short texts on a variety of topics.	Write formal and informal letters and short pieces of writing.	Describe in detail events in the past and future plans, express suggestions, regrets, make comparisons, give commands.	Intermediate Plus
Feel comfortable when communicating with a native speaker.	Generally understand a native speaker speaking at normal speed.	Understand the majority of a newspaper or magazine article.	Write at some length on any subject with good expression and accuracy.	Communicate on a broad range of topics, using appropriate intonation and colloquial expressions with a degree of fluency. Express hypothesis doubts, obligations, and necessity. "A" level standard or equivalent.	Advanced/ Advanced Plus	