What is your English level?

Read the descriptions below. Where do you think you are?

Elementary/A1

- I can understand simple things when people speak.
- I can read simple texts like notices or posters.
- I can ask and answer simple questions about personal information or things I need.



Pre-Intermediate/A2-B1

- I can understand basic information about everyday things like shopping, personal information, directions and work.
- I can read short simple texts like advertisements and timetables.
- I can talk about routine tasks, things I know about and get information in a short and simple way.
- I can write short notes and messages, and connect simple ideas using 'and', but'.



Intermediate/B1

- I can understand the main points of normal, familiar everyday conversations in work or free time.
- I can understand the main points in normal newspaper articles about familiar topics.
- I can communicate okay in most conversations, and give reasons and explanations about things I have done or are interested in.
- I can write organised personal emails which describe events and experiences.



Upper Intermediate/B2

- I can understand important information in lectures, most TV news and films where the accents and dialects are standard.
- I can understand newspaper articles, reports and novels where the language is standard.
- I can communicate fluently and spontaneously in conversations and discussions.
- I can write clear and detailed emails, essays and reports.



Lower Advanced/C1

- I can understand lectures and discussions on complex topics outside my field, especially when accents are standard and familiar.
- I can understand specialised articles and longer technical instructions even when they do not relate to my field.
- I can communicate ideas and opinions fluently, accurately and flexibly in social and professional situations.
- I can write detailed emails, essays and reports about complex subjects in a style appropriate to the reader.



Advanced/C2

- I can understand nearly everything, even if it is fast with colloquial and idiomatic terms.
- I can understand abstract, complex articles and literary works.
- I can express finer shades of meaning precisely, restructuring ideas in conversations without great effort.
- I can write complex reports, reviews and articles using precise, appropriate and complex language in a clear way.