

Language Proficiency Levels

BASIC USER

A1

Can understand and use familiar everyday expressions and very basic phrases. Can introduce him/herself and others and can ask and answer questions about personal details. Can interact in a simple way provided the other person talks slowly and clearly and is prepared to help.

YKI 1-2

A2

Can understand sentences and frequently used expressions related to areas of immediate relevance (e.g. very basic personal and family information, shopping, local geography, employment). **Can communicate in simple and routine tasks on familiar matters.**

INDEPENDENT USER

B1

Can understand the main points of clear standard input on familiar matters regularly encountered in work, school, leisure, etc. **Can produce simple connected text on topics which are familiar or of personal interest.** Can describe experiences and events, dreams, hopes & ambitions and briefly give reasons and explanations for opinions and plans.

YKI 3-4

B2

Can understand the main ideas of complex text on both concrete and abstract topics, including technical discussions in his/her field of specialisation. Can interact with a degree of fluency that makes regular interaction with native speakers quite possible without strain for either party.

PROFICIENT USER

C1

Can understand a wide range of demanding, longer texts, and recognise implicit meaning. **Can express him/herself fluently and spontaneously without much obvious searching for expressions.** Can use language flexibly and effectively for social, academic and professional purposes.

YKI 5-6

C2

Can understand with ease virtually everything heard or read. **Can express him/herself spontaneously, very fluently and precisely,** differentiating finer shades of meaning even in more complex situations.