

### Table of comparative levels

Common European Framework	Cambridge ESOL Main Suite	IELTS band	NQF/ ESOL SFL	Descriptor
C2	CPE	9	Level 3	Proficient User
C1	CAE	8	Level 2	
		7.5		
		7		
B2	FCE	6.5	Level 1	Independent User
		6		
		5.5		
		5		
B1	PET	5	Entry 3	
		4.5		
		4		
A2	KET		Entry 2	Basic user
A1			Entry 1	
				Beginner

Common European Framework	Cambridge ESOL Main Suite	Guided Learning Hours (from beginner level)
C2	Certificate of Proficiency in English	Approx. 1,000–1,200
C1	Certificate in Advanced English	Approx. 700–800
B2	First Certificate in English	Approx. 500–600
B1	Preliminary English Test	Approx. 350–400
A2	Key English Test	Approx. 180–200