



English and Numeracy – Guide to Level Descriptors

Pre-Entry Level

Listening - Unable to comprehend most spoken language including simple narratives, statements, questions and single step instructions.

Speaking – Unable to convey most basic information including basic facts, feelings and opinions, even on familiar topics.

Reading – Unable to read and understand most texts, even if they are basic and on a familiar topic. May have difficulty understanding signs and symbols as well.

Writing – Unable to convey basic information in sentence form. May be able to convey very basic information like name and address but not much more than this.

Numeracy- Unable to count to 10 in English and unable to carry out simple calculations in an English language context. Unlikely to understand time in an English language context. Unable to express measurements in an English language context.

Entry 1 Level

Listening - Able to understand basic spoken information. This will include simple narratives, statements, questions and single step instructions.

Speaking – Able to convey basic information on a topic they are familiar with. This will include basic facts, feelings and opinions.

Reading – Able to read and understand simple texts which are on a familiar topic. Able to understand signs and symbols.

Writing – Able to convey basic information in simple sentence form on a familiar topic.

Numeracy- Able to count to 10 and able to carry out simple calculations using those numbers in an English language context. Able to recognise the value of English currency but likely to have difficulty with calculations using that currency. Generally

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able to understand and express time in an English language context. Able to understand and express basic measurements in an English language context.

Entry 2 Level

Listening - Able to understand a range of spoken information, though may need clarification on occasions. This will include short narratives, explanations and instructions.

Speaking – Able to convey a range of information on topics they are familiar with. This will include an ability to express a range of facts, feelings and opinions.

Reading – Able to read and understand a range of texts which are on a familiar topic.

Writing – Able to convey a range of information on a familiar topic, in the form of sentences.

Numeracy – Able to count to 100 and carry out basic calculations using those numbers in an English language context. Able to carry out calculations using English currency, though may need a calculator. Able to understand time in a variety of English language contexts. Able to express a range of measurements in an English language context.

Entry 3 Level

Listening - Able to understand a range of natural spoken information without much need for clarification. This will include narratives, explanations and instructions, both face to face and on the telephone.

Speaking – Able to convey a range of information on most topics. This will include an ability to express a range of facts, feelings and opinions, using appropriate formality both face to face and on the telephone.

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Reading – Able to accurately and independently read and understand a range of texts, provided they are not complex or on a very unfamiliar topic.

Writing – Able to convey a range of information on a range of topics, in the form of basic paragraphs. This will include an ability to express clear opinions, requests and instructions.

Numeracy – Able to count to 1000 and carry out calculations using those numbers with a calculator. Able to carry out a range of calculations using English currency without the need for a calculator. Able to carry out a range of calculations using measurements in an English language context.

Level 1

Listening - Able to understand a wide range of natural spoken information very little need for clarification. This will include narratives, explanations and instructions of varying lengths with an ability to adapt response to speaker, medium and content.

Speaking – Able to convey a wide range of information on a wide range of topics including ones which the learner is not familiar with. This will include an ability to express a range of facts, feelings and opinions with an ability to adapt speech and content to take account of the listener's responses. The learner is also able to make clear and relevant contributions in a group discussion.

Reading – Able to accurately and independently read and understand a range of texts of varying lengths on a wide range of topics including topics which the learner is not familiar with.

Writing – Able to convey a range of information on a range of topics in the form of paragraphs. This will include information, ideas and opinions, with an ability to use appropriate length, format and style which is relevant for the intended audience.

Numeracy – Be able to use and make calculations with numbers up to seven digits. Generally at ease when carrying out day to day transactions using English currency. Able to carry out a wide range of calculations using measurements in an English language context.

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Level 2

Listening - Able to understand more or less all natural spoken information without the need for clarification. This will include extended information and narratives with an ability to follow detailed explanations and multi-step instructions of varying length.

Speaking – Able to detail information on a very wide range of topics. This will include an ability to engage in discussion with one or more people in a variety of different situations, making clear and effective contributions that create outcomes appropriate to purpose and topic.

Reading – Able to accurately and independently read any text, even if it is complex, and of significant length.

Writing – Able to convey a very wide range of information on any topic in a wide range of genres/formats. This will include an ability to express ideas and opinions clearly and effectively, using appropriate length, format and style.

Numeracy – Be able to carry out calculations with numbers of any value. Completely at easy when carrying out a wide range of transactions using English currency. Completely at easy when carrying out a wide range of calculations using measurements in an English language context.