

KIC Bands & The CEFR

KIC Band	CEFR Descriptors	CEFR
35	Can understand phrases and expressions related to areas of most immediate priority (e.g. very basic personal and family information etc). Can communicate in simple and routine tasks requiring a simple and direct exchange of information on familiar topics and activities.	A2
40	Can understand enough to be able to meet needs of a concrete type provided speech is clearly and slowly articulated. Can ask and answer questions and exchange ideas and information on familiar topics in predictable everyday situations.	
45	Can understand the main points of clear standard speech on familiar matters regularly encountered in work, school etc. Can enter unprepared into a conversation on familiar topics, express personal opinions and exchange information on topics that are familiar, of personal interest or pertinent to everyday life (e.g. family, hobbies, work, travel etc).	B1
50	Can understand straightforward factual information about common every day or study-related topics, identifying both general messages and specific details, provided speech is clearly articulated in a generally familiar accent. Can communicate with some confidence on familiar, routine and non-routine matters related to his/her interests and professional field.	
55	Can understand extended speech and lectures and follow even complex lines of argument provided the topic is reasonably familiar. Can interact with a degree of fluency and spontaneity that makes regular interaction with native speakers quite possible without imposing strain on either party.	B2
60	Can understand standard spoken language , live or broadcast, on both familiar and unfamiliar topics normally encountered in personal, social, academic or vocational life. Can highlight the personal significance of events and experiences, account for and sustain views clearly by providing relevant explanations and arguments.	
65	Can understand the main ideas of propositionally and linguistically complex speech on both concrete and abstract topics delivered in a standard dialect , including technical discussions in his/her field of specialization. Can communicate spontaneously with good grammatical control without much sign of having to restrict what he/she wants to say.	
70	Can follow most lectures, discussions and debates with relative ease. Can express themselves fluently and spontaneously without much obvious searching for expressions.	C1
75	Can formulate ideas and opinions with precision. Can use language flexibly and effectively for social and professional purposes.	
80	Can understand enough to follow extended speech on abstract and complex topics beyond his/her own field. Can express himself/herself fluently and spontaneously, almost effortlessly.	
85	Can argue a formal position convincingly, responding to questions and comments and answering complex lines of counter argument fluently, spontaneously and appropriately.	
90	Can understand with ease virtually everything heard. Can present a clear, smoothly flowing description or argument in a style appropriate to the context. Can convey finer shades of meaning precisely.	