



## Summary of Typical Candidate Abilities

CEF	ALTE Level	Description
C2	5 Very Advanced	Research has shown that typical candidates at this level can: ☎ use the telephone persuasively and effectively; 📖 understand all but the most specialised letters and documents; 👄 put points persuasively when dealing with clients, and speak effectively and at length in meetings; ✍ write most kinds of letters and reports and take dictation on non-routine matters.
C1	4 Advanced	Research has shown that typical candidates at this level can: ☎ use the telephone for most purposes; 📖 understand quickly most letters and documents, with some dictionary help; 👄 deal with clients effectively, handling matters outside their own field; ✍ write most letters and reports with few errors.
B2	3 Upper Intermediate	Research has shown that typical candidates at this level can: ☎ use the telephone with good understanding; 📖 understand most reports and non-routine letters, with dictionary help; 👄 deal with clients and resolve most problems in their own field; ✍ write more complex messages and non-routine factual letters, if work is checked.
B1	2 Lower Intermediate	Research has shown that typical candidates at this level can: ☎ use the telephone for routine messages (e.g. arrangements for a meeting); 📖 understand routine letters and information about familiar products or services; 👄 deal with clients on routine matters (e.g. taking orders) and engage in limited conversation (e.g. talking about personal interests); ✍ write factual messages and routine letters, if work is checked.
A2	1 Elementary	Research has shown that typical candidates at this level can: ☎ use the telephone for simple messages (e.g. My flight is late. I will arrive at ten o'clock); 📖 state and understand simple messages or instructions; 👄 deal with clients by asking and responding to simple questions (e.g. Where is the post office?); ✍ write simple messages and letters following a standard model.
A1	0	Research has shown that typical candidates at this level may know some phrases but cannot communicate in the language.
0	Beginner	

ALTE = The Association of Language Testers in Europe

CEF = The Council of Europe Framework

### Explanation of Scores

#### Standard and Computer Tests (Listening, Reading and Language Knowledge)

Scores for the Standard and Computer tests are given on a standard scale out of 100. The scores relate to ALTE levels 0 – 5 as follows:

Level	0	1	2	3	4	5
Score	0 – 19	20 – 39	40 – 59	60 – 74	75 – 89	90 – 100

*\*All scores are subject to statistical error (Standard Error of Measurement). One SEM for the Overall Score is +/- 3 points and for section scores (Listening / Reading and Language Knowledge) +/- 4 points. Users are advised to interpret results accordingly. Please contact your local BULATS Agent for more details.*

#### Speaking and Writing Tests

Scores for the Speaking and Writing tests are represented by the ALTE Level 0 - 5 and a + = or – sign.

+ means the candidate is at the upper end of this band

= means the candidate is in the middle of the band

– means the candidate is at the lower end of the band