

# ELC BRISTOL – CLASS LEVEL DESCRIPTIONS



Class Levels	Common European Framework (CEF)	CEF Summary	Cambridge Exams	IELTS	CAN DO STATEMENTS Students have completed this stage if they can do these things
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Beginner	A1 Breakthrough	You have no previous knowledge of the language.			Can understand and use familiar everyday expressions and very basic phrases aimed at the satisfaction of needs of a concrete type. Can introduce him/herself and others and can ask and answer questions about personal details such as where he/she lives, people he/she knows and things he/she has. Can interact in a simple way provided the other person talks slowly and clearly and is prepared to help.
Elementary Pre-Intermediate	A2 Waystage	Basic communication is possible with assistance and you understand simple sentences slowly and clearly.	KET Key English Test	3	Can understand sentences and frequently used expressions related to areas of most immediate relevance (e.g. very basic personal and family information, shopping, local geography, employment). Can communicate in simple and routine tasks requiring a simple and direct exchange of information on familiar and routine matters. Can describe in simple terms aspects of his/her background, immediate environment and matters in areas of immediate need.
Intermediate	B1 Threshold	You can make effective and independent use of the language in familiar situations although there are still lapses in communication.	PET Preliminary English Test	4	Can understand the main points of clear standard input on familiar matters regularly encountered in work, school, leisure etc. Can deal with most situations likely to arise whilst travelling in an area where the language is spoken. Can produce simple connected text in topics which are familiar or of personal interest. Can describe experiences and events, dreams, hopes and ambitions and briefly give reasons and explanations for opinions and plans.
Upper-Intermediate	B2 Vantage	Your use of language is consistent and usually appropriate but lapses in fluency and accuracy still occur in complex situations.	FCE First Certificate in English	5	Can understand the main ideas on complex text on both concrete and abstract topics, including technical discussions in his/her field of specialisation. Can interact with a degree of fluency and spontaneity that makes regular interaction with native speakers quite possible without strain for either party. Can produce clear, detailed text on a wide range of subjects and explain a viewpoint on a topical issue giving the advantages and disadvantages of various options.
Advanced	C1 Effective Proficiency	You have a good command of the language. It is fluent, accurate and well-organised with only a few uncertainties in complex and difficult situations.	CAE Certificate in Advanced English	6 7	Can understand a wide range of demanding, longer texts, and recognize 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. Can produce clear, well-structured, detailed text on complex subjects, showing controlled use of organisational patterns, connectors and cohesive devices.
Advanced	C2 Mastery	You have an excellent command of the language and can tackle the most difficult tasks.	CPE Certificate of Proficiency in English	8	Can understand with ease virtually everything heard or read. Can summarise information from different spoken and written sources, reconstructing arguments and accounts in a coherent presentation. Can express him/herself spontaneously, very fluently and precisely, differentiating finer shades of meaning even in more complex situations.