

Speaking test score descriptors

Score range	CEFR level	Proficiency descriptors
64–68	C1	 Test takers at this level are typically able to: Express themselves fluently with very little effort or hesitation Produce speech that is clear and well-paced Use stress and intonation effectively to support the meaning of what is being said Use a broad range of grammatical structures and vocabulary to express themselves with precision on most topics
58–63	B2	 Test takers at this level are typically able to: Produce stretches of mostly well-paced and fluent speech; however, they may hesitate at times as they try to recall certain expressions Use stress and intonation to convey meaning, though there may be some errors or native language influence Use a sufficient range of grammar and vocabulary to give clear descriptions and to express opinions comfortably on most topics
48–57	B1	 Test takers at this level are typically able to: Produce intelligible speech, although certain unfamiliar words are mispronounced, and pausing for planning and repair is evident Use stress, intonation and rhythm somewhat effectively to convey a message, although these may be influenced by their native language Use a good range of vocabulary related to familiar, everyday topics Express themselves on familiar subjects using basic grammatical structures but as topics become more unfamiliar and/or more complex, errors are more common and cause listener effort
41–47	A2	 Test takers at this level are typically able to: Speak clearly enough to be understood with some listener effort when talking about familiar, everyday topics; however, pronunciation and word stress errors are noticeable and highly influenced by the speaker's native language Produce choppy speech, with frequent pauses and false starts Use a limited range of grammar and vocabulary Speak in short, memorized phrases to produce brief stretches of speech

Note: Test takers who achieve a speaking score below 41 have not met the benchmark proficiency for A2 level.