

Beginner

What can a typical beginner do when they reach the start of the A1 level?

I can understand familiar words and very basic phrases concerning myself, my family and my immediate surroundings when people speak slowly and clearly. I can understand familiar names, words and very simple sentences, for example on notices and posters or in catalogues.

I can interact in a simple way provided the other person is prepared to repeat or rephrase things at a slower rate of speech and help me formulate what I am trying to say.

I can ask and answer simple questions in areas of immediate need or on very familiar topics. I can use simple phrases and sentences to describe where I live and people I know. I can write a short, simple postcard, for example, in sending holiday greetings. I can fill in forms with personal details, for example entering my name, nationality and address on a hotel registration form.

EXIT LEVEL A1

Some examples of 'can do' statements at this level. A full syllabus will be given to you at the start of the course.

- I can talk about different forms of transport. I can buy train tickets at the station or plane tickets online.
- I can use the verb 'to be' with a number of different adjectives.
- I can use prepositions of place to describe the location of people, objects etc.

A1 (elementary)

What can a typical elementary student do when they reach the start of the A2 level?

I can understand phrases and vocabulary related to the areas of most immediate personal relevance (e.g. very basic personal and family information, shopping, local area, employment).

I can catch the main point in short, clear, simple messages and announcements. I can read very short, simple texts. I can find specific, predictable information in simple everyday material such as advertisements, prospectuses, menus and timetables.

I can understand short, simple letters/e-mails. I can communicate in a simple and direct exchange of information on familiar topics and activities.

I can handle very short social exchanges. I can use a series of phrases and sentences to describe, in simple terms, my family and other people, living conditions, my educational background and my present or most recent job. I can write short, simple notes and messages. I can write a very simple personal letter/e-mail.

EXIT LEVEL A2

Some examples of 'can do' statements at this level. A full syllabus will be given to you at the start of the course.

- I can understand a simple conversation about the future.
- I can describe my town and its facilities. I can say what I can and can't do where I live.
- I can use simple comparative and superlative adjectives. I can describe and compare places I know.