

Making Progress

Our syllabus is based on the Common European Framework of Reference for Languages (CEFR), and international scale for describing language ability.

The CEFR has 6 levels:

CEFR Level		Classes at Burlington School	Description	Suitable Exams
Proficient User	C2	Advanced	Highly proficient - can use English very fluently, precisely and sensitively in most contexts	C2 Proficiency C1 Business Higher IELTS (8.0 - 9.0)
	C1	Advanced	Able to use English fluently and flexibly in a wide range of contexts	C1 Advanced C1 Business Higher IELTS (6.5 - 8.0)
Independent User	B2	Upper Intermediate	Can use English effectively, with some fluency, in a range of contexts	B2 First B2 Business Vantage B2 First for Schools IELTS (5.0 - 6.5)
	B1	Intermediate	Can communicate essential points and ideas in familiar contexts	B1 Preliminary B1 Business Preliminary B1 Preliminary for Schools IELTS (4.0 - 5.0)
Basic User	A2	Pre-Intermediate	Can communicate in English within a limited range of contexts	A2 Key A2 Key for Schools A2 Flyers
	A1	Elementary Beginner	Can communicate in basic English with help for the listener	A1 Movers Pre A1 Starters

Descriptors taken from www.englishprofile.org

How quickly will I make progress?

Research suggests that it takes about 200 teaching hours for a student to make progress equivalent to one level of the CEFR. This is how many weeks you should think about studying to progress one level of the CEFR:

Number of lessons per week	Number of weeks
15	18
20	13
25	11
30	9
35	8
40	7

Remember - everybody is different, and everybody learns at different speeds. We will do everything we can to help you.