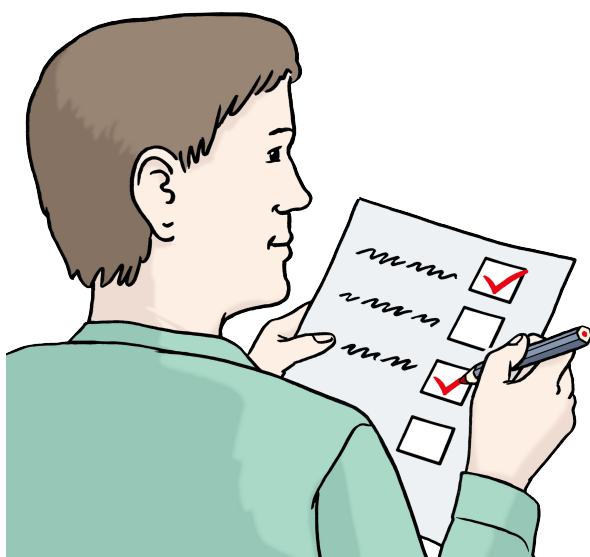


Language levels - What do A1, A2, B1, B2, C1 and C2 mean?



There are **six levels of language proficiency**. These are standardised in Europe and are called: A1, A2, B1, B2, C1 and C2. They help to assess and compare language skills in listening, reading, speaking and writing.

The six levels mean

A1 - Beginner

You know simple words and sentences and can use them. You can introduce yourself and others. You can ask and answer simple questions. If someone speaks slowly and clearly, you can talk to them.

A2 - Basic knowledge

You understand common words and phrases. You can communicate in everyday situations. You can say something about your background, education and environment.

B1 - Advanced

You understand a lot. You can talk about familiar topics and your interests. You can talk about and explain experiences, dreams and plans.

B2 - Independent

You can understand complicated texts on various topics. You can understand technical discussions in your area of specialisation. You can express yourself fluently and give reasons for your opinions.

C1 - Knowledgeable

You understand difficult and long texts, including those with hidden meanings. You can express yourself clearly and in detail on complex topics.

C2 - Almost like a native speaker

You understand everything you read or hear without any problems. You can summarise information from different sources. You can express yourself spontaneously, very fluently and precisely. **Keywords: German, level, language, B2, learning**