

General skills for ISE 0 (A2 CEFR)

Speaking

Overall spoken production

Can use a series of phrases and sentences to describe in simple terms a variety of subjects within his or her immediate field of interest.

Overall spoken interaction

Can communicate in simple and routine tasks that involve a basic and direct exchange of information on familiar topics.

Can enter into short social exchanges, although is normally unable to maintain a conversation independently.

Listening

Overall listening comprehension

Can understand what is said clearly, slowly and directly to him or her in simple everyday conversations.

Can understand enough to manage simple, routine exchanges without undue effort.

Understanding spoken English

Can show understanding by responding appropriately to simple questions and requests, although will sometimes have to ask for repetition of particular words and/or phrases.

Reading

Overall reading comprehension

Can read very short, simple texts.

Can find specific and predictable information in simple everyday material.

Can understand short simple letters.

Writing

Overall written production

Can produce a series of simple phrases and sentences with simple connectors (e.g. *and*, *but*) relating to areas that are of immediate need and personal relevance.

Correspondence

Can write very short and simple personal letters, emails, notes or messages relating to matters that are of immediate need. For example, expressing thanks or apologising.

Factual writing

Can produce a series of linked, simple phrases, sentences or a list of points about areas of personal interest, immediate need and/or everyday aspects of his or her environment, e.g. family, present or most recent job.

Creative/descriptive writing

Can write short, simple, imaginary descriptions of people or places.

Can write basic very short descriptions of events, past activities and personal experiences.

ISE 0 communicative skills, language requirements and general skills have been mapped to A2 in the CEFR.