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**Pre-A1**
- Exchange greetings and goodbyes
- Give personal information, e.g. name, age
- Give very short answers to simple questions

**Grammar – I can understand:**
- Imperatives for common actions, e.g. go, come, show, point, give, touch, stand up
- Question words what? how many? how old?
- Demonstratives this, that, these, those

**Grammar – I can understand and use:**
- The present simple tense of the verb to be
- Common nouns in singular and plural (regular and irregular), e.g. shoe/shoes, foot/feet
- Simple adjectives, e.g. small, tall, green
- Determiners, e.g. a, the, my, your, his, her
- Pronouns, e.g. I, you, he, she, it, they

**Vocabulary – I can understand and use words and simple phrases for:**
- Personal information
- Immediate surroundings including classroom objects
- Basic parts of the face and body
- Common animals (domestic, farm and wild)
- Numbers up to 20
- Colours
- Everyday items of clothing

**Phonology – I can:**
- Clearly pronounce the words I have learnt

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**A1**

**In my A1 test I can...**
- Tell you the position of people and objects
- Describe people, animals, objects and places very simply
- State simple facts
- Tell you about possessions
- Ask very simple questions about personal details

**Grammar – I can understand:**
- Present simple tense questions
- Question words who? when?
- Present continuous tense questions
- Determiner words some, any

**Grammar – I can understand and use:**
- Present simple tense
- There is/are and has/have got/have you got? Do you have?
- Question words where? how?
- Prepositions of place in, on, under, between, next to
- Determiner words their, its
- Possessive pronouns mine, yours, his, hers
- Yes/no answers to present continuous tense questions

**Vocabulary – I can understand and use words and simple phrases for:**
- Rooms in the home
- Household objects
- Family and friends
- Pets
- Possessions
- Days of the week and months of the year
- Numbers up to 50

**Phonology – I can:**
- Clearly pronounce the words I have learnt
- Use basic intonation patterns for simple questions
- Use contractions, e.g. I've, I'm, he's

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**A2**

**In my A2 test I can...**
- Describe daily routines and times
- Give dates
- Express ability and inability
- Give very simple directions and locations
- Describe current activities of real people or those in pictures
- Describe states in the past
- Ask simple questions about everyday life

**Grammar – I can understand and use:**
- Present continuous tense
- Can and can’t
- Prepositions of movement from, to, up, down, along, across
- Prepositions of time on, in, at
- Prepositions of place near, in front of, behind, opposite
- Past tense of the verb to be
- Link words and, and then

**Vocabulary – I can understand and use words and phrases about:**
- Jobs
- Places in the local area
- Place of study
- Home life
- Weather
- Free time
- Times and dates
- Ordinal numbers up to 31st for dates

**Phonology – I can:**
- Clearly pronounce the words I have learnt
- Use contractions where appropriate
- Use basic stress and intonation patterns for words, short sentences and simple questions

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### At CEFR level A2+ I can...
(In addition to everything at CEFR Pre-A1, A1 and A2)

- Talk about past events
- Talk about future plans and intentions
- Express simple comparisons
- Express likes and dislikes
- Describe manner and frequency

**Grammar — I can understand and use:**
- Past simple tense of regular and common irregular verbs
- Going to future
- Like + gerund/infinitive, e.g. I like shopping, I like to read books
- Adverbs of manner and frequency
- Comparatives and superlatives of adjectives
- Link word but

**Vocabulary — I can understand and use:**
- Vocabulary specific to my topic
- Vocabulary specific to the conversation subjects
- Adverbs of frequency, e.g. sometimes, often, never
- Adverbial phrases of frequency, e.g. every day, once a week
- Expressions of past time, e.g. yesterday, last night

**Phonology — I can:**
- Clearly pronounce words for my topic and the conversation subjects
- Pronounce 'ed' past tense endings, e.g. played, walked, wanted
- Use appropriate weak forms and intonation in connected speech
- Avoid speech patterns of recitation

**Conversation subjects — I can talk about:**
- Holidays
- Shopping
- School and work
- Hobbies and sports

**Topic task — I can also talk about something different of my own choice**

### In my B1 test I can...
(In addition to everything at CEFR Pre-A1, A1, A2 & A2+)

- Talk about the future — informing and predicting
- Express preferences
- Talk about events in the indefinite and recent past
- Give reasons
- State the duration of events
- Quantify

**Grammar — I can understand and use:**
- Present perfect tense including use with for, since, ever, never, just
- Connecting clauses using because
- The word will referring to the future for informing and predicting
- Adjectives and adverbials of quantity, e.g. a lot (of), not very much, many
- Expressions of preference, e.g. I prefer, I'd rather

**Vocabulary — I can understand and use:**
- Vocabulary specific to my topic
- Vocabulary specific to the conversation subjects
- Adverbs of frequency, e.g. sometimes, often, never
- Adverbial phrases of frequency, e.g. every day, once a week
- Expressions of past time, e.g. yesterday, last night

**Phonology — I can:**
- Clearly pronounce words for my topic and the conversation subjects
- Pronounce weak forms and combination contractions, e.g. I've been to...
- Avoid speech patterns of recitation

**Conversation subjects — I can talk about:**
- Festivals
- Means of transport
- Special occasions, e.g. birthday celebrations
- Entertainment, e.g. cinema, television, clubs
- Music
- Recent personal experiences

**Topic task — I can also talk about something different of my own choice**

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