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# YOUNGLEARNERS ASSESSMENT AND THE CEFR

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# CEFR LEARNING, TEACHING AND ASSESSMENT



**Cognitive development** 

- Strategies for working memory use
- Abstract concept formation
- Reasoning abilities
- Metalinguistic awareness
- Executive control
- Mind reading abilities (Meadows 2006)

& interaction) Individual differences •Scaffolding (Cameron 2003)

- Educational, social, psychological variables
- •Amount & quality of input, exposure to, experience with L2
- •Social, cultural and educational context of language use (text processing
- •Development of literacy in L1 (different writing systems) •Theory of mind (use of complex discourse and narrative skills)



- 1. curriculum:
- 2. teaching & learning:
- **3. assessment:** 
  - to facilitate interpretation of test scores in test reports

CEFR adopted to inform and evaluate YL language curricula, to set targets

CEFR adapted to develop age-appropriate descriptors, to guide teaching and learning, to offer feedback, to inform scope and sequence in textbooks

CEFR used to align existing YL tests, to design new tests, to set cut scores,





- 1. number of tasks
- 2. amount of elements/people/objects/etc. involved
- 3. reasoning demands
- 4. spacio-temporal displacement: there-and-then vs here-and-now
- 5. referential complexity, i.e. especially references by pronouns
- background knowledge: content new to candidate/no background knowledge exists for candidate 6.
- 7. generalisability/familiarity of task situation or task type: novel/particular/specific vs everyday
- 8. amount of time provided (planning time and response time)
- 9. amount of contextual support (e.g. in terms of questions before the text, visuals, layout, headings,
- 10. clarity and sufficiency of instructions, i.e. about task procedures and goals
- 11. task goal/outcome (e.g. complex/differentiated/convergent task goal/outcome)
- 12. task solution: open/complex vs closed/simple task solution
- 13. inferences required of learner, i.e. having to cope with what is implicit
- 14. amount of interaction required (both between participants/interlocutors and/or between learner
- 15. information flow: two-way vs one-way information flow
- 16. gender of partner in pairs in oral tests: different gender vs same gender
- 17. familiarity of partner: previously unfamiliar vs familiar partner
- 18. age or status of partner: different vs same age or status, i.e. power variables vs solidarity leading to
- 19. communicative stress
- 20. interactional schema, script or frame

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- 21. length of text
- 22. clarity of text
- familiarity of text used in tas 23.
- 24. availability of input
- 25. number of sources of input
- 26. input complexity
- 27. propositional density
- 28. frequency of vocabulary
- 29. grammatical/structural/synt
- 30. speech rate in spoken text
- 31. number of speakers
- 32. amount of information to pr
- **133.** familiarity of information/to
  - explicitness of information
  - 35. concreteness of information instructions/narration
  - 36. amount of shared knowledg
  - 37. degree of task structuring
  - 38. degree of discourse structur
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40. relevance/interest of topic/content to target learner group in general

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- 44. opportunity to revise: repetition/rehearsal allowed

- 47. amount of organisation required of learner
- 48. amount of monitoring and revision/editing required/allowed

- 52. requirement of task completion: exact response required/expected

- 56. range of lexis and grammar expected
- 58. sociolinguistic knowledge/behaviour expected
- 59. pragmatic knowledge expected (amount, level and appropriacy)
- 60. propositional precision: precise messages required

41. age-appropriate activity: relevant/meaningful/purposeful/appropriate activity for learner group in general

42. complexity of activity/response required, i.e. pointing/ticking vs copying vs creatively writing/using lang

43. amount of support/modelling/help available e.g. examples, prompts, visuals, charts, diagrams, key words

45. audience awareness provided/suggested, i.e. hearer/reader needs explicitly specified for candidates

46. number of steps/actions/cognitive operations necessary to complete the task

49. level of facilitation/ prompting supplied (back-up questions, clarification requests, repetition, etc)

50. quantity of learner output and task outcomes (i.e. in terms of number of words, length of response)

51. quality of learner output and task outcomes/standards of performance expected

53. phonological control: accurate phonology required in terms of clear pronunciation/articulation, stress, intor

54. amount of fluency/promptness expected: no hesitations, pauses, false starts, delayed or halting responses

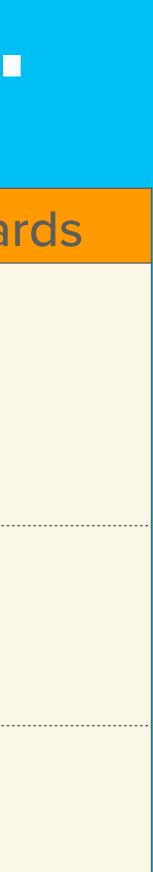
55. orthographical control: accuracy in terms of copying, handwriting, correct spelling, punctuation, capitalisati

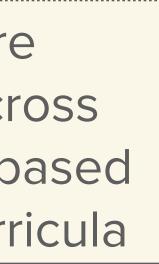
57. lexical and grammatical control: accuracy expected in terms of requirement of lack of obstruction of meani

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# ALIGNMENT/LINKING/MAPPING OF ... WITH ... IN ORDER TO ...

	Curriculum	Teaching and learning	Assessment	Other standa
Curriculum	to compare curricular aims			
Teaching and learning	to see whether instruction follows curriculum aims and content	to identify best practice in teaching and learning		
Assessment	to see coverage of curriculum content in an assessment	to see if classroom activities and test tasks are aligned in content	for conversion tables	
CEFR (standards)		to inform materials, set targets, guide scope & sequence, for classroom (self)-assessment	to facilitate interpretation of test scores	to compare standards acre qualifications ba on various curr





### ZIEKY (1994) ON STANDARD SETTING AND CUT SCORE METHODOLOGY



# CURRICULUM AGE OF INNOCENCE



planning backwards from learners' real life communicative needs, with consequent alignment between curriculum, teaching and assessment (CEFR 2018:28)





## CEFR DESCRIPTORS FOR YOUNG LEARNERS TIM GOODIER

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Communicative & linguistic co Pre-A1 to C2

### Theoretical assumptions

Some higher level tasks may demand a level of cognitive / social maturity and experience not typically expected of YLs.

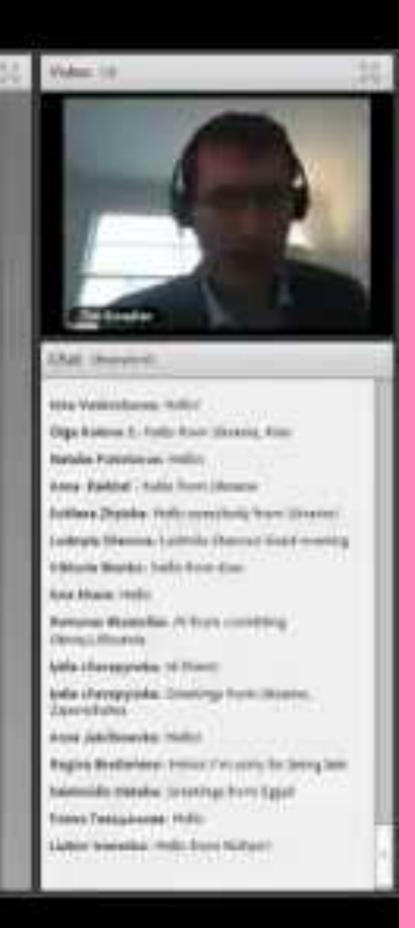




Parallel task, with differences in typical domain / topic for YLs

Closer correspondence between many YL portfolio and CEFR illustrative descriptors at low levels

Literacy, socio-cognitive development and maturity



### Age groups?

7-10 11-15 (Szabo and Goodier 2018)

younger children: 5/6-8/9 older children: 8/9-12/13 teenagers: 13-17 (Hasselgreen & Caudwell 2016)

early teens: roughly 13/14 mid-teens: roughly 14/15 late teens 15-17 (Morgan 2013)



## NEW CONSTRUCTS FOR INTEGRATED MULTIMODAL COMMUNICATIVE PRACTICES: MEDIATION, ONLINE INTERACTION, PLURILINGUAL/PLURICULTURAL COMPETENCE

old skills described in new ways: collaborative problem solving, contributing to a shared understanding, helping others to understand





Specific Measurable Achievable / Attainable **Relevant /** Realistic Timebound / Timely



'As a very rough guide, at the 10 or 11 year primary / secondary interface, • A2 (Waystage) to around 14, • B1 (Threshold) to 16+, the lower secondary goal, • C1 and C2 to specialist university level' **TRIM (2005:4)** 

## • A1 (Breakthrough) is appropriate to progress in the first foreign language

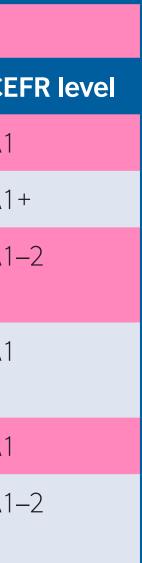
# • B2 (Vantage) to 18+, the completion of upper secondary education, and

Extracts or	n Speaking fro	om ELLiE country policy documents	
Country	Age	Descriptors	C
EN	By 11 yrs	Converse briefly, without prompts	A1
п	By 11 yrs	Can exchange personal information about familiar topics	A1
NL	By 12 yrs	Can ask, or orally provide information and express themselves without anxiety	A1
PL	By 10 yrs	Asks/answers simple questions briefly, describes people, places and activities and talks about themselves, their likes and dislikes.	A1
ES	By 11 yrs	Interact in simple, familiar oral situations	A1
SE	By 11 yrs	Say something simple about themselves; contribute to simple discussions on everyday topics	A1
HR	By 10 yrs	Develop sensitivity for another language code, based on multisensory and holistic approach and grounded in situation- based oral communication	A1

Figure 16: ELLiE study – Examples of expected outcomes (Speaking)









Young children (roughly between and 8/9 years)

Older children (roughly between 12/13 years)

Teenagers (roughly between 13 ar

Exceptional older teenagers

HASSELGREEN AND CAUDWELL (2016:34)

	Limits of CEFR levels potentially attainable
5/6 years	A2
8/9 years and	B1
nd 17 years)	B2
	C1

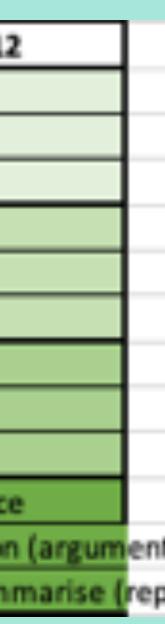
# TEACHING AND LEARNING: AWAKENING & DISILLUSIONMENT



# SCOPE AND SEQUENCE

	Level	LO1	LO2	LO3	LO4	LO5	LO6	L07	LO8	LO9	LO10	LO11	LO12
1	Pre-A1	copy word (e	.g. sign, label	1)									
2			write word (	e.g. greeting)									
3				write phrase									
4	A1				write simple	sentence							
5						write comple	ex/compound	sentence					
6							join two sen	tences 'and'					
7	A2							write simple	text with ser	tences linked	and 'but' b	ecause'	
8									write descrip	tion			
9										write corresp	oondence		
10	81										write own na	arration/expe	rience
11												write own op	pinion
12													sumr

### right emphasis, predictable sequencing, and expected rates of growth







### Welcome

Vocabulary:	Numbers: twenty-one to fifty Days of the week: Sunday, Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday, Friday, Saturday Months of the year: January, February, March, April, May, June, July, August, September, October, November, December							
Structures:	What's your favorite day? My favorite day is Sunday. When were you born? I was born in January. Were you born in May? Yes, I was. / No, I wasn't. I was born in June.							
1 Na	ture							
Vocabulary:	<b>Nature:</b> birds, sun, clouds, trees, animal, pond, mushrooms, rock, insects, flowers, butterflies, wind, ants, sky, worms, spiders, roses, rainbow	Values: Play outside. Play safe!						
Structures:	How many animals are there? There's one purple animal. How many birds are there? There are two blue birds. There are some spiders. / There aren't any spiders. Is there a rainbow? Yes, there is. / No, there isn't. Is there any wind? Yes, there's some wind. / No, there isn't any wind. Are there any ants? Yes, there are. / No, there aren't.	Cross-curricular: Math: Plus, minus, equals Phonics: air, ear hair, year						
2 M	<u>e</u>							
Vocabulary:	<b>Physical characteristics:</b> blond hair, dark eyebrows, brown eyes, curly hair, gray hair, glasses, a black mustache, a short beard, blue eyes, red hair, black beard, white teeth, big chin, long eyelashes, pink lips, red nose, big mouth	<b>Values:</b> Have good habits. Keep clean and healthy.						
Structures:	I have glasses. I don't have glasses. He has dark eyebrows. She doesn't have dark eyebrows. Do you have long eyelashes? Yes, I do. / No, I don't. Does he/she have curly hair? Yes, he/she does. / No, he/she doesn't.	Cross-curricular: Science: Wild animals Phonics: ay, er say, dinner						
3 Pe	ts							
Vocabulary:	Animal body parts: tail, beak, wings, feathers, claws, fins, paws, whiskers, skin, fur Animal characteristics: soft fur, a hard shell, sharp claws Adjectives: cute, scary, fast, slow	<b>Values:</b> Take care of your pet. <b>Cross-curricular:</b>						
Structures:	What does it look like? It has a tail. It doesn't have wings. What do they look like? They have whiskers. They don't have fins. Do you have a dog? Yes, I do. It's cute. / No, I don't. Does it have soft fur? Yes, it does. / No, it doesn't.	Science: Animal life cycles Phonics: ea, oi tea, oil						
4 Но	me							
Vocabulary:	<ul> <li>Furnishings: picture, stove, sofa, shower, sink, mirror, trash can, TV, computer, plant, closet, window</li> <li>Prepositions: next to, behind, above, below, in front of</li> <li>Household items: toothbrush, towels, pots, blankets, comb, shelf, pans, plates</li> </ul>	Values: Help at home. Cross-curricular: Art: Mosaics						
Structures:	There's a plant in the living room. There are two plants in the living room. The plant is below the mirror. / It's below the mirror. The plants are below the mirror. / They're below the mirror. Is the computer in the bedroom? Yes, it is. / No, it isn't. It's in the living room. Are the plates on the shelf? Yes, they are. / No, they aren't. They're in the sink.	Phonics: a_e, i_e, o_e cake, time, home						

<b>5 C</b>	othes	
Vocabulary:	<b>Clothing:</b> a baseball cap, a sweatsuit, a polo shirt, shirt, shorts, jeans, a belt, a uniform, a jacket, a sweatshirt, flip-flops, sneakers, sandals, beanie, hiking boots, scarf, tights, ski jacket, wool sweater <b>Material/style:</b> plain, colorful, fancy	Values: Be polite. Cross-curricular: Social science: Household chores
Structures:	What are you wearing? I'm wearing a baseball cap/sandals. What's he/she wearing? He's/She's wearing a baseball cap/sandals. Are you wearing a baseball cap/sandals? Yes, I am. / No, I'm not. Is he/she wearing a baseball cap/sandals? Yes, he/she is. / No, he/she isn't. This is my favorite scarf. These are my favorite tights. I love my scarf/tights.	Phonics: sc, sk, sm, sn, sp, squ, st, sw scarf, skate, smell, snip, spoon, squid, star, swim
6 Sp	orts	
Vocabulary:	Abilities: do taekwondo, catch a ball, play tennis, run, play baseball, ride a bike, play basketball, play soccer Sports facilities: gym, baseball field, basketball court, running track, stadium, ski slope, beach, swimming pool, tennis court, soccer field	<b>Values:</b> Be active. Exercise every day. <b>Cross-curricular:</b>
Structures:	I/He/She can run and jump. I/He/She can run, but I/he/she can't jump. Can you/he/she play tennis? Yes, I/he/she can. / No, I/he/she can't. I/He/She was at the gym. I/He/She wasn't at the gym. I/He/She was at the baseball field.	Health: Exercise Phonics: bl, fl, gl, pl, sl black, flag, glass, plate, sleep
<b>7</b> Fo	od	
Vocabulary:	<b>Fruit/vegetables:</b> peas, mangoes, carrots, cucumbers, plums, oranges, peaches, potatoes, tomatoes, strawberries, beans, broccoli, lettuce, spinach, cabbage, pears, apricots, avocadoes, cherries	Values: Stay healthy. Eat more fruit and vegetables.
Structures:	Do you like peas? Yes, I do. / No, I don't. Does he/she like peas? Yes, he/she does. / No, he/she doesn't. Is there any broccoli? Yes, there is. / No, there isn't. Are there any pears? Yes, there are. / No, there aren't.	Science: Healthy eating plate Phonics: br, cr, dr, fr, gr, pr, str, tr brown, crab, drop, frog, green, press, string, train
8 Th	ings we do	
Vocabulary:	Actions: listening to music, walking, sleeping, reading, doing homework, drinking, eating, cleaning, dancing, playing the piano, playing the trumpet, playing the flute, playing the violin, singing Adverbs of manner: quickly, quietly, terribly, loudly, slowly	Values: Learn new things. Develop your talents. Cross-curricular:
Structures:	What are you doing? I'm sleeping. What are they doing? They're sleeping. What's he/she doing? He's/She's sleeping. Are you singing? Yes, I am. / No, I'm not. Is he/she singing? Yes, he/she is. / No, he/she isn't. Is he/she singing quietly? Yes, he/she is. / No, he/she isn't. He's/She's singing loudly.	Science: Flying machines Phonics: ft, mp, nd, nt, sk, sp, st left, bump, wind, paint, ask, wisp, nest



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Assessment of young learner literacy linked to the Common European Framework of Reference for Languages

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I've go to school with my dad with car. I have lunch at two o'clock in the school. the facilities in my school are; gum, showers, cooks, two playgraunds, classrooms and lunchhall. My coarstroom is big, with library, with computers, tables, chairs, and a one board. I go to the playofaund at elev o'clock and I play football and basket ball grouphy I have 8 teachers; I for catalon, science, wathres, I por spanish; 2 for english; 1 for music; 1 for Phisycal Education and 1 for religion and 1 for srt. I've got 9 subjects. I hate Maths but I love English it's very intersting. I've got a special subject is Catalan.

Figure 2: Extract from a pupil's text



Summy!

My summar holiday.

Aim hvas in Mallorca and am sunbrathling, that was very fun! That was a experienle of the live, and <u>am stay</u> as a camping place, <u>wit</u> my Grandmum and my Grandad, and we fising and have fun that summer. We also play Gitar\_and Singing and 1 day we go to shopping I don't bay so much.

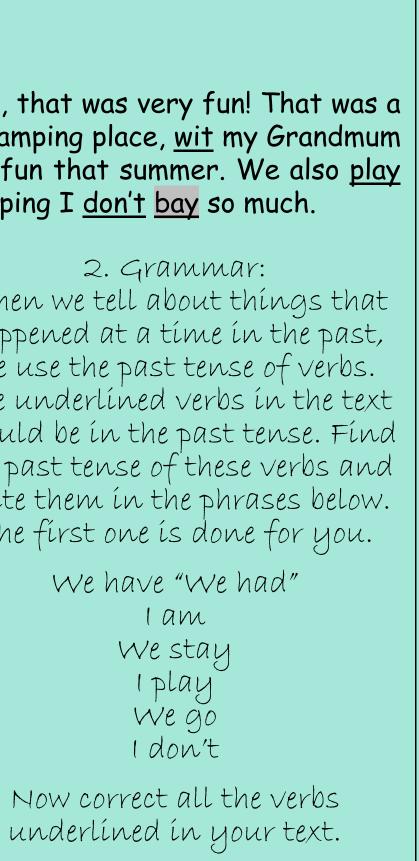
1. Spelling: copy these words carefully Summer Was Fishing Guítar Buy With Now correct the spelling of the words shaded in your text.

2. Grammar: When we tell about things that happened at a time in the past, we use the past tense of verbs. The underlined verbs in the text should be in the past tense. Find the past tense of these verbs and write them in the phrases below. The first one is done for you.

> We have "We had" lam We stay Iplay Wego 1 don't Now correct all the verbs

*Figure 5: Example of corrective feedback* 









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at level A2 (CEFR Basic User), with some elements of level B1 (CEFR Independent User)





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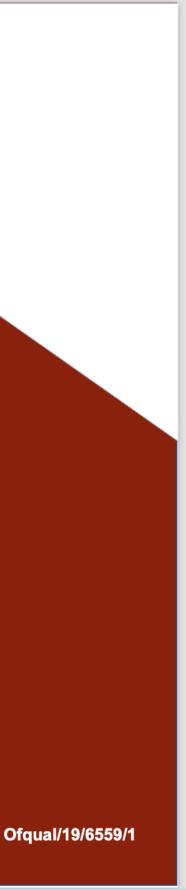
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**BASIC USER** 

B1

Can understand the main points of clear standard input on familiar matters regularly encountered in work, school, leisure, etc. Can deal with most situations likely to arise whilst travelling in an area where the language is spoken. Can produce simple connected text on topics which are familiar or of personal interest. Can describe experiences and events, dreams, hopes and ambitions and briefly give reasons and explanations for opinions and plans.

Can understand sentences and frequently used expressions related to areas of most immediate relevance (e.g. very basic personal and family information, shopping, local geography, employment). Can communicate in simple and routine tasks requiring a simple and direct exchange of information on familiar and routine matters. Can describe in simple terms aspects of his/her background, immediate environment and matters in areas of

A2 immediate need.

> Can understand and use familiar everyday expressions and very basic phrases aimed at the satisfaction of needs of a concrete type. Can introduce him/herself and others and can ask and answer questions about personal details such as where he/she lives, people he/she knows and things he/she has. Can interact in a simple way provided the other person talks slowly and

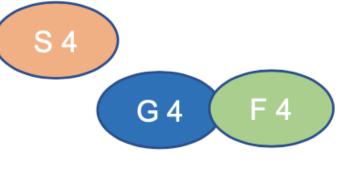
A1 clearly and is prepared to help.

Figure 1 Estimated qualification level mapping for each language and grade

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### Language skills for successful subject learning

**CEFR-linked descriptors** for mathematics and history/civics



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LANGUAGE SKILLS FOR SUBJECT LEARNING (HISTORY AND MATHS) (2015)

### Moe, Härmälä et al (2015) found that

- students at the age of 12/13 are required to have a minimum level of language competence mirroring B1 in all skills in order to succeed in history/mathematics.
- 15/16-year-old students need a B2 competence in the same skills/subjects.



#### Language skills for successful subject learning

**CEFR-linked descriptors** for mathematics and history/civics

Eli Moe Marita Härmälä aula Lee Kristmansor José Pascoal Meiluté Ramoniené



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Age: 12/13

My goals for writing

		I can do this			
<b>My objectives:</b> What I can do What I will work on	l cannot manage this yet	with help from classmates or the teacher	quite well	very well	l have evidence
	Date	Date	Date	Date	Date

#### Describe

<b>B1</b> : I can describe how I am thinking when solving a task in a straightforward way			
<b>B1</b> : I can briefly describe a graph, a figure or a table and point out important things			
A2: I can write very short, basic descriptions of something I have worked on in class			

#### Explain

<b>B1</b> : I can explain and give reasons for why something related to mathematics is the way it is, and why something is a problem in a			
straightforward way			
A2: I can explain how to do something or what I have done in simple sentences			

#### LANGUAGE SKILLS FOR SUCCESSFUL SUBJECT LEARNING CEFR-linked descriptors for mathematics and history/civics

#### Subject: Mathematics

Student .....

Age: 15/16

Subject: History

#### My goals for speaking

		I can do this					
<b>My objectives:</b> What I can do What I will work on	l cannot manage this yet	with help from classmates or the teacher	well	very well	l have evidence		
	Date	Date	Date	Date	Date		
Express opinions, discuss			1				
<b>B2</b> : I can talk about historical topics and share information, ideas and my attitudes about the topic							
<b>B2</b> : I can give my opinion and explain it							
<b>B1</b> : I can explain why I am for or against something							
Give a presentation or talk	Give a presentation or talk in class						
<b>B2</b> : I can give a detailed presentation that includes different points of view and emphasises the most important points related to the topic							
<b>B1</b> : I can give a prepared talk about a topic and answer clear questions from the teacher and my classmates							

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LANGUAGE SKILLS FOR SUBJECT LEARNING (HISTORY AND MATHS) (2015)







## WHAT TO ASSESS? WHY?



Sector	Grade	Age	15 items (5 x L, 5 x G, 5 x V)	15 items (5 x L, 5 x G, 5 x V)	15 items (5 x L, 5 x G, 5 x V)	15 items (5 x L, 5 x G, 5 x V)	15 items (5 x L, 5 x G, 5 x V)
Lower	3	8 - 9 year olds	Pre-A1	A1	A2		
Primary	4	9 - 10 year olds	Pre-A1	A1	A2		
Upper Primary56	5	10 - 11 year olds	Pre-A1	A1	A2	<b>B1</b>	B2
	6	11 - 12 year olds	Pre-A1	A1	A2	<b>B1</b>	B2
Lower Secondary	1	12 - 13 year olds	Pre-A1	A1	A2	B1	B2
	2	13 - 14 year olds	Pre-A1	A1	A2	B1	B2
Upper Secondary	3	14 - 15 year olds			A2	B1	B2
	4	15 - 16 year olds			A2	B1	B2

### trial design for LT123's Junior Entrance and Exit tests for Richmond Learning Platform

# STANDARD SETTING





## MINIMALLY COMPETENT LEARNER



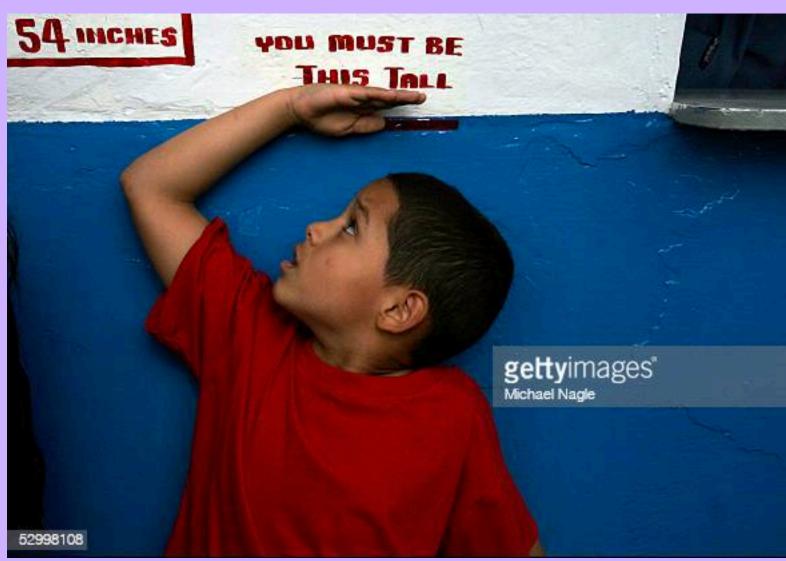
## CRITERIAL FEATURES

Barely B1: he \*walk, he \*cans I expect to \*can cycle \*What reads Kim? \*Kim drives not.

[Parodi 2008)



"At what CEFR level can a test taker already answer the following item correctly?" (Council of Europe 2003:91)



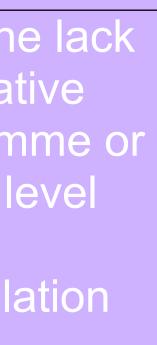


The key characteristics of a minimally competent A1 learner in understanding oral and written text would a high level of noncomprehension or very limited comprehension. Written discourse would have severe constraints in the range and accuracy of orthography, grammar and lexical knowledge and interactive discourse would be hesitant, difficult to understand, have frequent misunderstanding and limited to fixed phrases and stock (and possibly repeated) answers. Primary age minimally competent A1 learners would be severely restricted in generative terms, not being able to produce the language they might wish to produce and inserting first language phrases into their language production.

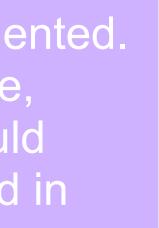
The most noticeable characteristics of primary age learners with a minimally competent level of A2 level discourse are the lack of consistency and limited range and accuracy in understanding and expressing simple social situations and communicative functions and engaging in, maintaining and closing interactions about. for example their reactions to a film or TV programme or their plans for the weekend. Oral and written speech which primary age learners with a minimally competent level of A2 level discourse might produce will contain some accurate language but the same structure might occur inaccurately later on. Speech production will remain hesitant and not necessarily well pronounced and rely on frequent repetition and reformulation from an interlocutor.

As well as inconsistent control, range and understanding of varied simple familiar language contexts, a key characteristic of primary age learners with a minimally competent level of B1 level discourse is a certain lack of flexibility and ability in maintaining interaction and communication (e/g/ interaction and communication may be evident in some familiar topics but limited across other contexts). Another key characteristic of primary age learners with a minimally competent level of B1 level discourse is their inconsistency in expressing what they want to and maintaining and sustaining flexibility and duration of interaction. While learners with solid levels of B1 competency would be able to keep going without excessive hesitancy to plan and produce vocabulary and structures, learners with a minimally competent level of B1 level would pause more, produce

While a just qualified primary age B2 leaner might display a wider linguistic inventory and range than those shown by a characteristic B1 learner, the ability to monitor and produce accurate discourse might be inconsistent or wrongly implemented. The ability to express themselves in some familiar areas but not others. They might be able At core B2 level competence, primary age learners can demonstrate a express argument, but not give appropriate justification for points of view. I would anticipate a variability of language output and inconsistency in comprehension with stretches of secure production mixed in with intrusive errors which detract from effectiveness of the message conveyed.







## WHAT IS EASY? WHAT IS DIFFICULT? IN LISTENING AND READING

Items are easy if:

- the text is structured in a way which makes the correct answer easy to spot; • the answer is located close to the beginning of the text; • the same wording is used both in text and question, making the correct answer
- easy to spot;
- the answer can be copied directly from the text.

Items are difficult if:

- the test candidates have to make inferences;
- there is a lot of information to consider;
- there is information competing for the readers' attention;
- the vocabulary in general and/or single words makes things difficult to understand.

MOE (2009) JACK OF MORE TRADES? COULD STANDARD SETTING SERVE SEVERAL FUNCTIONS?



## WHAT IS EASY2 WHAT IS DIFFICULT 2 IN LISTENING AND READING

MCPs have problems with...

#### **B1**

- Hard words especially at beginning of text •
- Unusual structures (ex.: "raise ... for the roof to be repaired")
- Correct answer demands that more than 2 information items are processed

- Gapped text •
- Counter-intuitive items (correct answer is unexpected)
- If there is vocab overlap between text and wrong answer, cand. are misled into choosing the wrong answer
- More easily misled by the distractor being close to the the correct answer

#### **B2**

Idiomatic language •

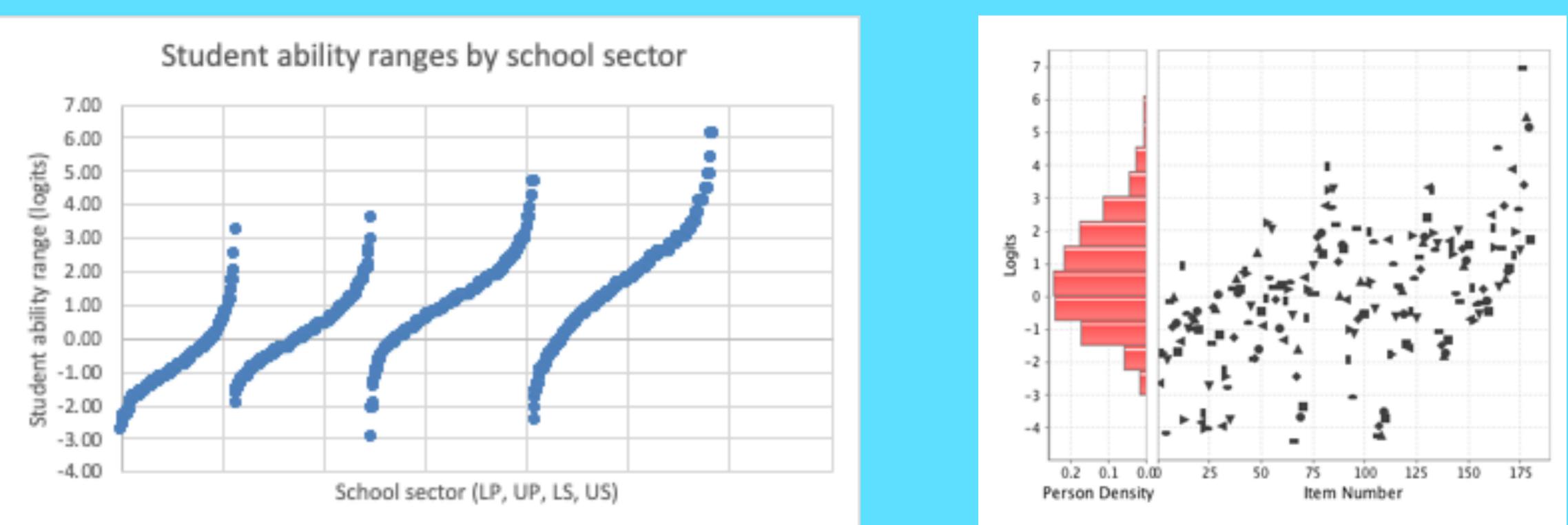
- Phrasal verbs
- Less frequent collocations •
- Complex structures (example: "she was never offered ...")
- Not enough time/wrong time management ٠
- If there is vocab overlap between text and wrong answer, cand. are misled into choosing the wrong answer
- items where one option is "none of the options" is correct"
- Cand. are misled by their hypotheses as to test construction ("this can't be right, it is too easy")
- ZEIDLER (2014) GETTING TO KNOW THE MINIMALLY COMPETENT PERSON





been like this

2. authority: The cut score will be 60% correct item responses because I think it is 3. Goldilocks: The cut score will be 80% correct item responses because 70% is too little and 90% is too much

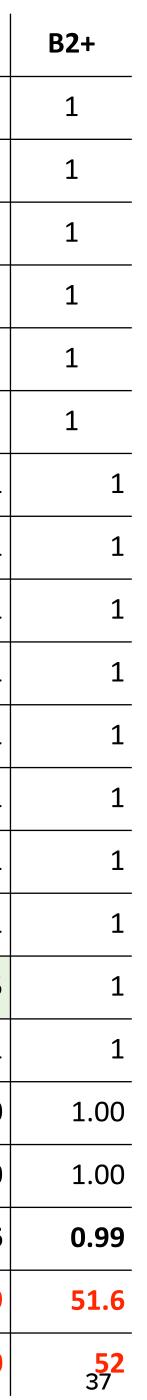


### 1. tradition: The cut score will be 70% correct item responses because it has always

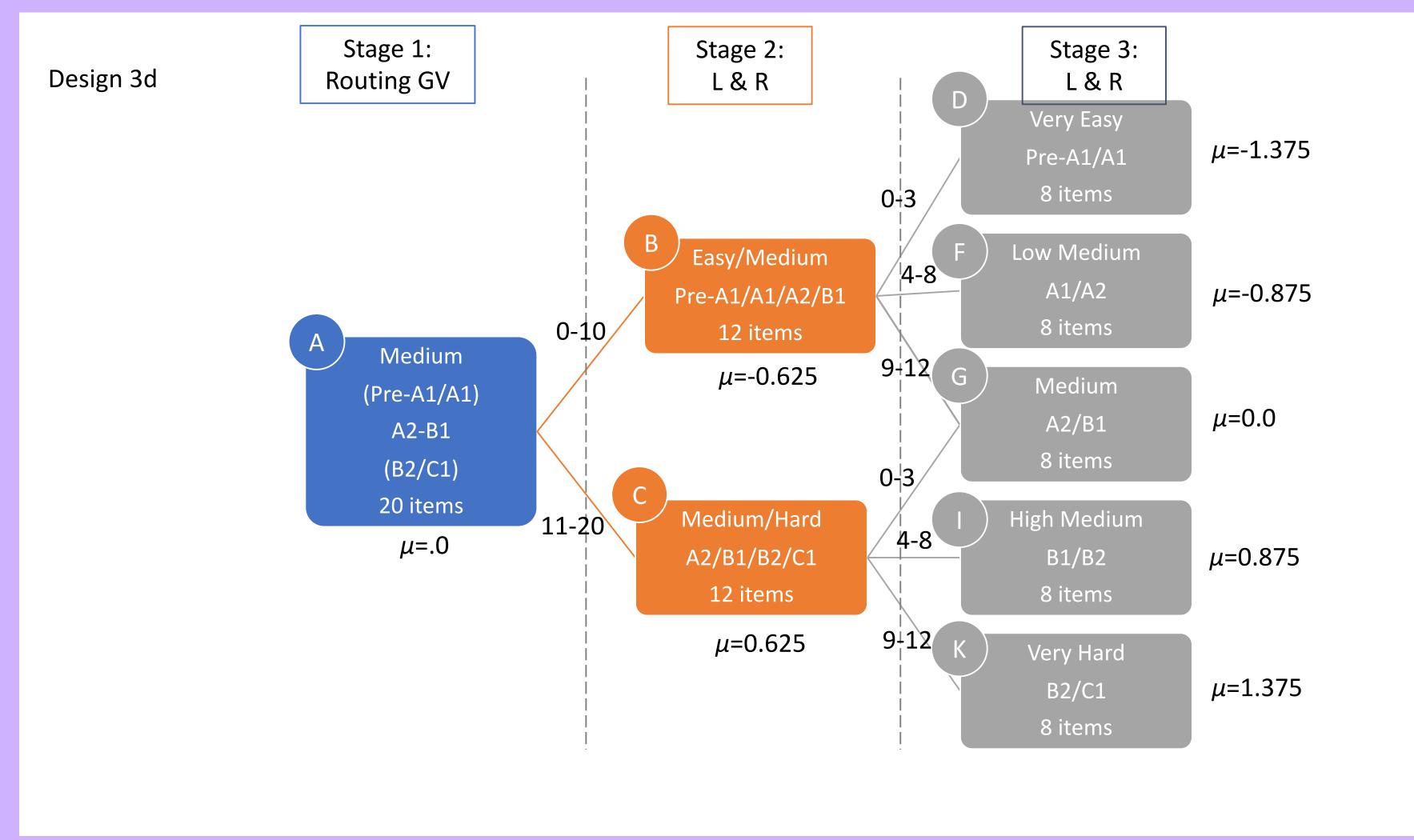
#### LT123's Junior Entrance and Exit tests for Richmond Learning Platform



judged CEFR level	ltem#	ItemID	Pre-A1	MCC A1	A1	MCC A2	A2	A2+	MCC B1	B1	B1+	MCC B2	B2
Below A1	Example01	Starters L P5 Q1 2018 Sample 2	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1
A2	Example02	METGo! R P1 Q1 Vocab and	0	0	0	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1
A2	Example03	Flyers L P4 Q2 v115	0	0	0	0	0	1	1	1	1	1	1
A1	Example04	Movers RW P2 Q1 written dialogue	0	0	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1
Above B1	Example05	TOEFL J R P3 Q2 Acamedic text	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	1
B1	Example06	METGo! R P2 Q1 Email	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	1	1	1
A2	Training01	LU_A2_57	0	0	0	0.375	0.75	1	1	1	1	1	1
B1+/MCCB2	Training02	LU_B1_26	0	0	0	0	0	0	0.125	0.75	0.75	0.875	1
A1	Training15	L_PreA1_20	0	0.375	0.75	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1
A2	Training16	R_A2_31	0	0	0	0.125	0.875	1	1	1	1	1	1
A2	Practice12	L_A1_21	1.25	0	0.25	0.75	0.875	1	1	1	1	1	1
B1+/MCCB2	Practice13	L_B1_40	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0.5	0.875	0.875	1
MCCB1>B1/B1+/MCCB2	Practice14	R_B1_21_2	0	0	0	0	0	0.5	0.625	0.875	0.875	0.875	1
A1/MCCA2	Practice15	R_PreA1_18	0.125	0.25	0.875	0.875	1	1	1	1	1	1	1
B2	Practice16	R_C1_29	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0.125	0.625
B1+/MCCB2	Practice17	R_B1_1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0.25	0.75	0.875	1
MCCA2	Anchor38	LU_A1_35	0.00	0.13	0.38	0.88	1.00	1.00	1.00	1.00	1.00	1.00	1.00
B1+/MCCB2	Anchor52	R_B1_5	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.13	0.25	0.50	0.88	1.00
average %			0.03	0.04	0.11	0.21	0.37	0.46	0.52	0.66	0.75	0.85	0.96
prov. cut score (out of 52 items)			1.5	2.1	5.8	10.8	19.0	23.9	27.3	34.3	39.1	44.0	49.9
prov. cut score rounded up			2	3	6	11	19	24	28	35	40	45	50



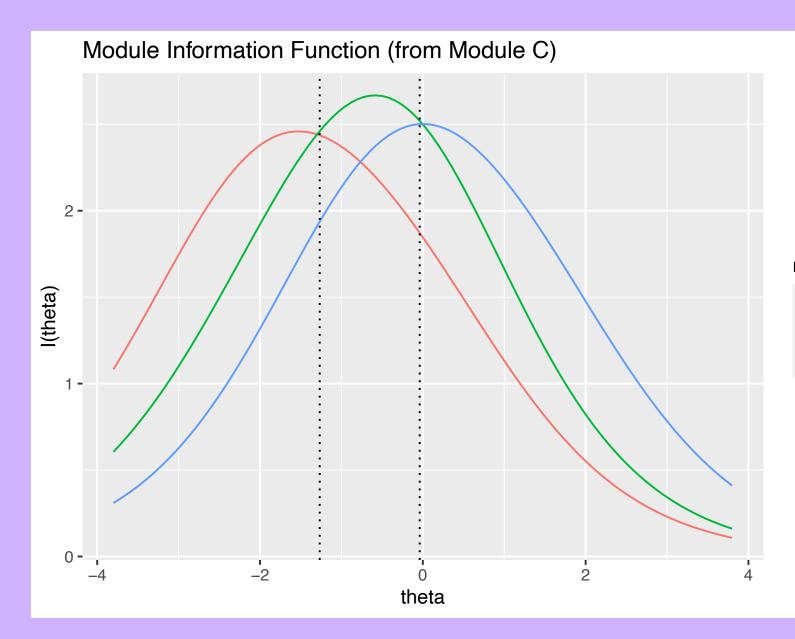
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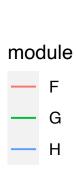




	Group	CEFR					
Intended CEFR	PreA1	<b>A1</b>	A2	<b>B1</b>	<b>B2</b>	<b>C1</b>	Total
Pre-A1	42	51					93
A1	4	98	43	1			146
A2		16	163	6			185
B1			11	153	21		185
B2			1	52	93		146
C1					43	50	93
Total	46	165	218	212	157	50	848

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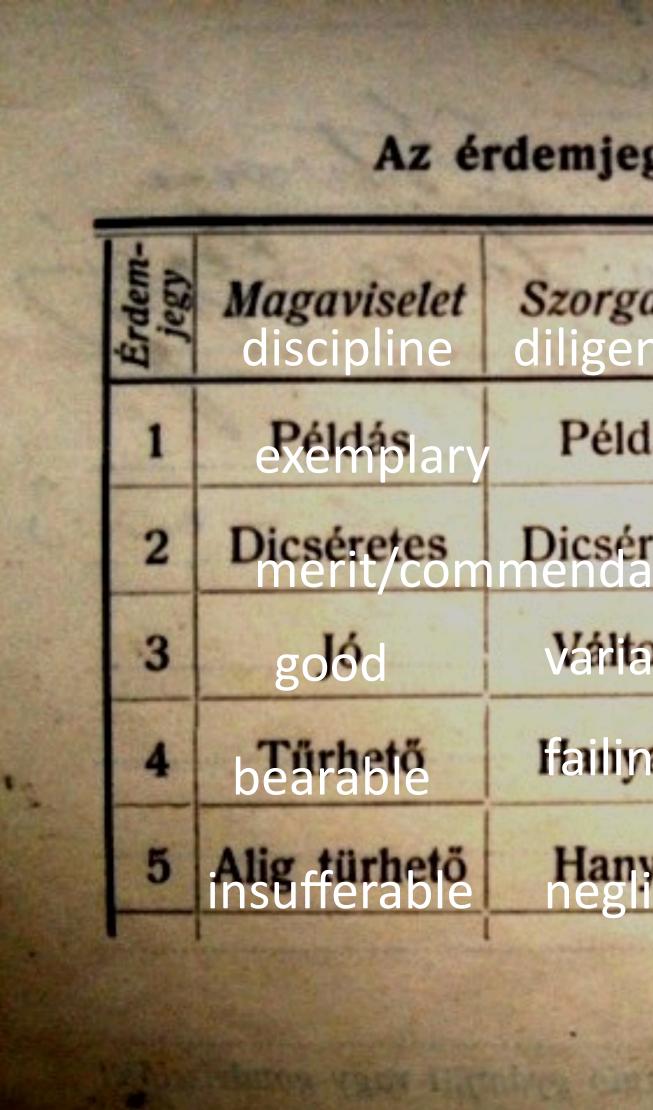




# **REPORTING HOW TO GIVE RESULTS?**







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- 1. The CEFR is useful in YL assessment for target setting and tracking progress.
- 2. It also defines new constructs that can be assessed in innovative ways which will help
- elaborate new language syllabuses and textbooks.
- 3. Research on empirically validated longitudinal YL learning sequences is needed,
- important for the right emphasis, predictable sequencing, and expected rates of growth
- among various YL groups to be able to accurately chart their pathway through the CEFR.
- 4. Assessment should make learning as effective as possible: challenging but not too
- frustrating, have diagnostic power, focus on the "sweet spot", address difficult areas.
- 5. Cut scores need to be set by expert panels familiar with YL learning sequences.
- 6. Reporting of results should be made more helpful, especially for YLs and their parents.



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