



EmSAT English Proficiency Descriptors

CEFR	EmSAT	CEFR Descriptors	Level
C2	2000	Can understand with ease virtually everything heard or read. Can summarize information from different spoken and written sources, reconstructing arguments and accounts in a coherent presentation. Can express him or herself spontaneously, very fluently and precisely, differentiating finer shades of meaning even in more complex situations.	Proficient
C1	1625 – 1975	Can understand a wide range of demanding, longer texts, and recognize implicit meaning. Can express him or herself fluently and spontaneously without much obvious searching for expressions. Can use language flexibly and effectively for social, academic and professional purposes. Can produce clear, well- structured, detailed text on complex subjects, showing controlled use of organizational patterns, connectors and cohesive devices.	
B2	1250 – 1600	Can understand the main ideas of complex text on both concrete and abstract topics, including technical discussions in his or her field of specialization. Can interact with a degree of fluency and spontaneity that makes regular interaction with native speakers quite possible without strain for either party. Can produce clear, detailed text on a wide range of subjects and explain a viewpoint on a topical issue giving the advantages and disadvantages of various options.	Independent
B1	875 – 1225	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 & ambitions and briefly give reasons and explanations for opinions and plans.	
A2	500 – 850	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 or her background, immediate environment and matters in areas of immediate need.	Basic
A1	125 – 475	Can understand and use familiar everyday expressions and very basic phrases aimed at the satisfaction of needs of a concrete type. Can introduce him or herself and others and can ask and answer questions about personal details such as where he or she lives, people he or she knows and things he or she has. Can interact in a simple way provided the other person talks slowly and clearly and is prepared to help.	