

Kingsway Scale compared to CEFR and 'can do' statements

Levels Kingsway CEFR		Listening/Speaking (General)	Listening/Speaking (Work)	Reading (General)	Reading (Work)	Writing (General)	Writing (Work)	
10	C2 Advanced	Can advise on or talk about complex or sensitive issues, understanding colloquial references and dealing confidently with hostile questions.	Can advise on/handle complex delicate or contentious issues, such as legal or financial matters, to the extent that he/she has the necessary specialist knowledge.	Can understand documents, correspondence and reports, including the finer points of complex texts.	Can understand reports and articles likely to be encountered during his/her work, including complex ideas expressed in complex language.	Can write letters on any subject and full notes of meetings and seminars with good expression and accuracy.	Can make full and accurate notes and continue to participate in a meeting or seminar.	
9		C1 Upper- intermediate	Can contribute effectively to meetings and seminars within own area of work or keep up a casual conversation with a good degree of fluency, coping with abstract expressions	Can contribute effectively to meetings and seminars within own area of work and argue for or against a case.	Can read quickly enough to cope with an academic course, to read the media for information or to understand non-standard correspondence.	Can understand correspondence expressed in non-standard language.	Can prepare/draft professional correspondence, take reasonably accurate notes in meetings or write essays which show an ability to communicate.	Can handle a wide range of routine and non-routine situations in which professional services are requested form a colleague or external contracts
8	B2 Intermediate		Can follow or give a talk on a familiar topic or keep up conversation on a fairly wide range of topics.	Can take and pass on most messages that are likely to require attention during a normal working day.	Can scan texts for relevant information and understand detailed instructions or advice.	Can understand most correspondence, reports and factual product literature he/she is likely to come across.	Can make notes while someone is talking or write a letter including non-standard requests.	Can deal with all routine requests for goods or services.
7			B1 Pre- intermediate	Can express opinions on abstract/cultural matters in a limited way or offer advice within a known area, and understand instructions or public announcements.	Can offer Advice to clients within own job area on simple matters.	Can understand routine information and articles and the general meaning of non-routine information within a familiar area.	Can understand the general meaning of non-routine letters and theoretical articles within own work area.	Can write letters or make notes on familiar or predictable matters
6	A2 Elementary	Can express simple opinions or requirements in a familiar context.		Can state simple requirements within own area.	Can understand straightforward information within a known area, such as on products and signs and simple textbooks or reports on familiar matter.	Can understand most short reports or manuals of a predictable nature within his/her own area of expertise, provided enough time is given.	Can complete forms and write short simple letters or postcards related to personal information.	Can write a short comprehensive note of request to a colleague or a known contact in another company.
5		A1 False beginner	Can understand basic instructions or take part in a basic factual conversation on a predictable topic.	Can take and pass on simple messages of a routine kind, such as: <i>Friday meeting 10am?</i>	Can understand basic notices, instructions or information.	Can understand short reports or product descriptions on familiar matters, if these are expressed in simple language and the contents predictable.	Can complete basic forms, and write notes including times, dates and places	Can write a simple routine request to a colleague, such as: <i>Can I have 20x please?</i>
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