

IELTS at Hampstead School of English

CEFR level	Basic User	Independent User				Proficient User			
	A2	B1		B2		C1		C2	
HSOE level									C2-0
								C1-1	
Level description	A2-1	B1-0	B1-1	B1-2	B2-0	B2-1	C1-0		
	Essentially has no ability to use the language beyond possibly a few isolated words.	No real communication is possible except for the most basic information using isolated words or short formulae in familiar situations and to meet immediate needs. Has great difficulty in understanding spoken and written English.	Conveys and understands only general meaning in very familiar situations. Frequent breakdowns in communication occur.	Basic competence is limited to familiar situations. Has frequent problems in understanding and expression. Is not able to use complex language.	Has partial command of the language, coping with overall meaning in most situations, though is likely to make many mistakes. Should be able to handle basic communication in own field.	Can sustain argument with effective social discourse using strong co-operating strategies and focusing on discourse skills.	Has generally effective command of the language. Despite some inaccuracies, inappropriacies and misunderstandings. Can use and understand fairly complex language, particularly in familiar situations.	Has operational command of the language, though with occasional inaccuracies, inappropriacies and misunderstandings in some situations. Generally handles complex language well and understands detailed reasoning.	Has fully operational command of the language with only occasional unsystematic inaccuracies and inappropriacies. Misunderstandings may occur in unfamiliar situations. Handles complex detailed argumentation well.
Average student progress - individual students may vary	8 -10 weeks →	8 -10 weeks →	8 -10 weeks →	8 -10 weeks →	8 -10 weeks →	8 -10 weeks →	8 -10 weeks →	8 -10 weeks →	
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