

European Language Portfolio

[Descriptors by area: **LANGUAGE COMPETENCE** (Linguistic)]

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Grammar

GENERAL LINGUISTIC RANGE

- C2** Can exploit a comprehensive and reliable mastery of a very wide range of language to formulate thoughts precisely, give emphasis, differentiate and eliminate ambiguity. No signs of having to restrict what he/she wants to say.
- C1** Can select an appropriate formulation from a broad range of language to express him/herself clearly, without having to restrict what he/she wants to say.
- B2** Can express him/herself clearly and without much sign of having to restrict what he/she wants to say.
Has a sufficient range of language to be able to give clear descriptions, express viewpoints and develop arguments without much conspicuous searching for words, using some complex sentence forms to do so.
- B1** Has a sufficient range of language to describe unpredictable situations, explain the main points in an idea or problem with reasonable precision and express thoughts on abstract or cultural topics such as music and films.
Has enough language to get by, with sufficient vocabulary to express him/herself with some hesitation and circumlocutions on topics such as family, hobbies and interests, work, travel, and current events, but lexical limitations cause repetition and even difficulty with formulation at times.
- A2** Has a repertoire of basic language which enables him/her to deal with everyday situations with predictable content, though he/she will generally have to compromise the message and search for words.
Can produce brief everyday expressions in order to satisfy simple needs of a concrete type: personal details, daily routines, wants and needs, requests for information.
Can use basic sentence patterns and communicate with memorised phrases, groups of a few words and formulae about themselves and other people, what they do, places, possessions etc.
Has a limited repertoire of short memorised phrases covering predictable survival situations; frequent breakdowns and misunderstandings occur in non-routine situations.
- A1** Has a very basic range of simple expressions about personal details and needs of a concrete type.

GRAMMATICAL ACCURACY

- C2** Maintains consistent grammatical control of complex language, even while attention is otherwise engaged (e.g. in forward planning, in monitoring others' reactions).
- C1** Consistently maintains a high degree of grammatical accuracy; errors are rare and difficult to spot.
- B2** Good grammatical control; occasional 'slips' or non-systematic errors and minor mistakes in sentence structure may still occur, but they are rare and can often be corrected in retrospect.
Shows a relatively high degree of grammatical control. Does not make mistakes which lead to misunderstanding.
- B1** Communicates with reasonable accuracy in familiar contexts; generally good control though with noticeable mother tongue in influence. Errors occur, but it is clear what he/she is trying to express.
Uses reasonably accurately a repertoire of frequently used 'routines' and patterns associated with more predictable situations.
- A2** Uses some simple structures correctly, but still systematically makes basic mistakes – for example tends to mix up tenses and forget to mark agreement; nevertheless, it is usually clear what he/she is trying to say.
- A1** Shows only limited control of a few simple grammatical structures and sentence patterns in a learnt repertoire.