Self-Assessment Checklist

Level: A1 Breakthrough

Language:	Name:
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Use this checklist to assess what you think you can do (Column 1):

Use these symbols in Column 1: ✓ I can do this under normal circumstances.

√√ I can do this easily and well.

If you have ticked more than 80% of the statements in Column 1 with  $\checkmark$  or  $\checkmark\checkmark$ , you have probably achieved this level.

Use the evaluation table at the end of the checklist to evaluate your results. Fill in the table with the number of ticks for each item and then add up the subtotals to get the total. The number of points in bold type is the recommended score for this level.

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Listening		
I can understand when someone speaks to me very slowly and clearly, with long pauses for me to grasp the meaning.		
I can understand simple directions on how to get from A to B on foot or by public transport.		
I can understand questions and requests if they are addressed to me slowly and carefully, and I can follow short, simple instructions.		
I can understand numbers, prices, and times.		
Spoken Interaction		
I can introduce someone and use basic greeting and leave taking expressions.		
I can make myself understood in a simple way, but I am dependent on my partner being prepared to repeat more slowly or rephrase and help me to say what I want.		
I can make simple purchases if I can also use my hands to indicate what I want to buy.		
I can handle numbers, quantities, prices, and times.		
I can ask for and give people things.		
I can ask people questions about themselves (for instance, their name, where they live, people they know, things they own, etc.) and I can answer these kinds of questions if they are asked slowly and clearly.		
I can use time expressions like "next week", "last Friday", "in November", and "at three o'clock".		
I can ask and answer simple questions, and make or respond to simple statements in areas of immediate need.		
Spoken Production		
I can describe where I live.		

I can find my way around a menu.

where it will take place and when it will begin.

flyer, advertising brochure, or advertisement.

I can write a greeting card (for instance, a birthday card).

can write a simple postcard (for instance, with holiday greetings). I can write a note to tell someone where I am or where to meet.

Reading

newspaper articles.

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information about myself (surname, first name, date of birth, and nationality).	
I can understand words and phrases commonly found on street signs (for instance, "station", "car park", and "no smoking").	
I can understand individual words and phrases (for instance, "sporting goods", "groceries", and "computer department") on a shopping centre directory.	
I can understand the most important commands of a computer program (for example, "save", "delete", "open", and "close").	
I can understand short, simple directions (for instance, "top left", "straight on", and "turn right").	
I can understand short, simple messages on postcards (for instance, holiday greetings).	
In everyday situations, I can read short messages from friends and colleagues (for instance, "Be back at 4 o'clock").	
Writing	_
I can fill in my personal details on a questionnaire (job, age, address, and hobbies).	

## **Evaluation**

can write short sentences about myself (for instance, where I live and what I do).

If you have ticked more than 80% of the statements (23-24 items) with ✓ or ✓✓, you have probably achieved this level. The more  $\checkmark \checkmark$  you have, the better you are at this level.

Skill	Number of items	✓	√√	Subtotal	
Listening	4				
Spoken Interaction	8				
Spoken Production	1				
Reading	11				
Writing	5				
Total	29			out of 29	
Level achieved		80% is between 23 and 24 items answered with ✓ or ✓✓.  More than 22 points means that you have probably achieved this level.			

If your total is less than 22 points, you have not quite achieved the A1 level. We do not recommend taking a language course at the next level (A2).