

Comparison Chart
BBC Business English levels & the most common English language examinations

BBC BE Levels	CEFR Levels	BULATS	CET	IELTS	Cambridge	TOEFL	BEC	TOEIC
	C2	LEVEL 5		9.0	CPE	670+/293+		920+
		Upper Advanced		8.5				
				8.0				
	C1	LEVEL 4	TEM 8	7.5	CAE	600/250	BEC 3	890
		Advanced		7.0				810
Episode TWO	B2	LEVEL 3	CET 6	6.5	FCE	530/197	BEC 2	730
	Independent User	Upper-intermediate		6.0				660
				5.5				590
				5.0				520
Episode ONE	B1	LEVEL 2	CET 4	4.5	PET	460/140	BEC 1	450
	Threshold User	Intermediate		4.0				380
				3.5				310
	A2	LEVEL 1		3.0				220
	Waystage User	Elementary	CET 3	2.5	KET			
				2.0				
	A1	LEVEL 0		1.5				
	Breakthrough	Beginner		1.0				

CEF = Council of Europe Framework Register
 ALTE = Association of Language testers in Europe
 IELTS = International English Language Testing System
 Cambridge = University of Cambridge Local Examinations Syndicate

BEC = Business English Certificate
 BULATS = Business Language Testing Service
 TOEFL concordance courtesy of TOEFL®
 CET = College English Test (PRC)

Note:

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