Listening

The Global Scale of English is transforming English teaching and learning, offering a granular, real-world measure of English language proficiency across the four skills. Some examples of what a learner can do in Listening on the GSE scale:

- **<A1**
  - Can understand short, simple instructions addressed carefully and slowly.

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  - Can generally identify the topic of discussion around them when conducted slowly and clearly.

- **A2**
  - Can follow most of a clearly structured presentation within their own field.

- **B1**
  - Can follow an animated conversation between two fluent speakers.

- **B2**
  - Can understand a phone number from a recorded message.

- **C1**
  - Can follow many films in which visuals and action carry much of the storyline.

- **C2**
  - Can extract the main points from news items, etc. with opinions, arguments and discussion.

- **C3**
  - Can understand in detail discussions on abstract and complex topics among speakers with a variety of accents and dialects.

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- Can read and understand simple prices
- Can understand short written notices, signs and instructions with visual support
- Can identify the main topic and related ideas in a structured text
- Can recognise the repetition of ideas expressed by substitution, paraphrasing, etc.
- Can understand complex arguments in newspaper articles
- Can understand highly colloquial language in unstructured texts that use complex structures
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- **Can tell the time of day to within five minutes**
- **Can give a short basic description of events and activities**
- **Can engage in extended conversation in a clearly participatory fashion on most general topics**
- **Can carry out an effective, fluent interview, spontaneously following up on interesting replies**
- **Can say what they like and dislike**
- **Can repeat back what is said to confirm understanding and keep a discussion on course**
- **Can adjust to the changes of direction, style and emphasis normally found in conversation**
- **Can join a conversation already in progress between fluent speakers on complex topics**
The Global Scale of English is transforming English teaching and learning, offering a granular, real-world measure of English language proficiency across the four skills. Some examples of what a learner can do in Writing on the GSE scale:

- **<A1**: Can write the letters of the alphabet in upper and lower case.
- **A1**: Can use very basic connectors like and, but, so and then.
- **A2**: Can write a description of a future event or activity.
- **B1**: Can write a formal email/letter of thanks or apology with appropriate conventions.
- **B2**: Can write a detailed description of a complex process.
- **C1**: Can write a letter of complaint with appropriate register, structure and conventions.
- **C2**: Can write a detailed critical review of cultural events (e.g., plays, films, concerts) or literary works.

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