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EDITION

## INTERMEDIATE PLUS

ALIGNMENT WITH THE GLOBAL SCALE OF ENGLISH  
AND THE COMMON EUROPEAN FRAMEWORK OF REFERENCE

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- ActiveTeach
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# The Global Scale of English and the Common European Framework of Reference

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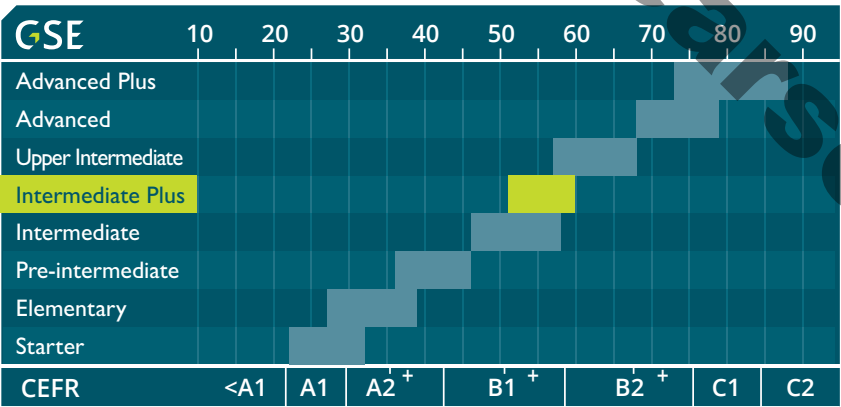
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This document provides an overview of the Can Do statements that are covered in each unit of the course. For each learning objective we indicate whether a statement is from the original CEFR or newly created by Pearson English:

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- (N2007A) North (2007) expanded set of C1 and C2 descriptors, adapted or edited
- (P) New Pearson English descriptor
- (WA) WIDA ELD Standards (2012), adapted or edited

[Note] In page references, (V) denotes the skill-based activities that specifically exploit the BBC clips.

**Speakout Second Edition Intermediate Plus** is aligned with the Global Scale of English and the Common European Framework of Reference. It takes learners from CEF A1 to C2 (22-88 on the Global Scale of English). Each lesson guides students to a 'Can Do' goal in line with the Global Scale of English and the Common European Framework 'Can Do' statements.



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## UNIT 1 Lifestyles

**Grammar:** Passive; causative *have*; present tenses: simple vs continuous, stative verbs

**Function:** Describing everyday objects

**Vocabulary:** Lifestyle; multi-word verbs (1); verb + preposition; everyday objects

SKILL	LEARNING OBJECTIVE	GSE	CEFR	PAGE(S)
Listening	Can understand the key points about a radio programme on a familiar topic. (P)	53	B1+ (51-58)	11
	Can distinguish between main ideas and supporting details in familiar, standard texts. (P)	51	B1+ (51-58)	11
	Can understand the main points of narratives and conversations about familiar topics (e.g. work, leisure) delivered in clear standard speech. (CA)	47	B1 (43-50)	14
	Can follow the main points in TV programmes on familiar topics if delivered in clear standard speech. (CA)	51	B1+ (51-58)	16 (V)
	Can understand a large part of many TV programmes on familiar topics. (CA)	58	B1+ (51-58)	16 (V)
	Can extract the meaning of unknown words from context if the topic discussed is familiar. (CA)	57	B1+ (51-58)	16 (V)
	Can identify the main reasons for and against an argument or idea in a discussion delivered in clear standard speech. (P)	59	B2 (59-66)	17 (V)
Reading	Can generally understand straightforward factual texts on familiar topics. (CA)	46	B1 (43-50)	8, 13
	Can scan short texts to locate specific information. (P)	44	B1 (43-50)	9
	Can infer meaning based on information in a text. (P)	55	B1+ (51-58)	10
	Can make simple inferences based on information given in a short article. (P)	51	B1+ (51-58)	16 (V)
Speaking	Can give or seek personal views and opinions in discussing topics of interest. (C)	46	B1 (43-50)	8
	Can give brief reasons and explanations, using simple language. (P)	45	B1 (43-50)	8, 10
	Can ask someone to clarify or elaborate what they have just said. (C)	50	B1 (43-50)	9
	Can give detailed accounts of experiences, describing feelings and reactions. (C)	49	B1 (43-50)	11
	Can briefly give reasons and explanations for opinions, plans and actions. (C)	51	B1+ (51-58)	11
	Can carry out a simple informal interview. (P)	50	B1 (43-50)	12
	Can express opinions and attitudes using a range of basic expressions and sentences. (CA)	52	B1+ (51-58)	15
	Can summarise and give opinions on issues and stories and answer questions in detail. (CA)	56	B1+ (51-58)	16 (V)
	Can justify a viewpoint on a simple topic by discussing some pros and cons of various options. (P)	57	B1+ (51-58)	17 (V)

SKILL	LEARNING OBJECTIVE	GSE	CEFR	PAGE(S)
Writing	Can write about experiences, feelings and reactions in a simple connected text. (CA)	50	B1 (43-50)	10
	Can write a simple, structured informational leaflet/ brochure, given a model. (P)	51	B1+ (51-58)	13
	Can write a simple discursive essay. (P)	59	B2 (59-66)	17 (V)

## UNIT 2 Makers

**Grammar:** Question forms; indirect questions; present perfect simple and continuous

**Function:** Judging and evaluating ideas

**Vocabulary:** Adjectives to describe inventions; buildings; word-building: prefixes and suffixes

SKILL	LEARNING OBJECTIVE	GSE	CEFR	PAGE(S)
Listening	Can understand the key points about a radio programme on a familiar topic. (P)	53	B1+ (51-58)	20
	Can distinguish between main ideas and supporting details in familiar, standard texts. (P)	51	B1+ (51-58)	20
	Can understand the main points of narratives and conversations about familiar topics (e.g. work, leisure) delivered in clear standard speech. (C <sub>A</sub> )	47	B1 (43-50)	27
	Can follow an everyday conversation or informal interview on common topics. (P)	51	B1+ (51-58)	28 (V)
	Can understand a large part of many TV programmes on familiar topics. (C <sub>A</sub> )	58	B1+ (51-58)	28 (V)
	Can infer speakers' opinions in conversations on familiar everyday topics. (P)	51	B1+ (51-58)	28 (V)
Reading	Can generally understand straightforward factual texts on familiar topics. (C <sub>A</sub> )	46	B1 (43-50)	23, 24
Speaking	Can describe objects, possessions and products in detail, including their characteristics and special features. (P)	59	B2 (59-66)	20
	Can give or seek personal views and opinions in discussing topics of interest. (C)	46	B1 (43-50)	21
	Can give a short, rehearsed talk or presentation on a familiar topic. (C <sub>A</sub> )	53	B1+ (51-58)	21, 27
	Can ask for more information after a simple lecture or presentation aimed at a general audience, using basic follow-up questions. (P)	48	B1 (43-50)	21
	Can summarise information from a simple academic text. (P)	53	B1+ (51-58)	23, 24
	Can express opinions and attitudes using a range of basic expressions and sentences. (C <sub>A</sub> )	52	B1+ (51-58)	25
	Can express opinions and react to practical suggestions of where to go, what to do, etc. (C <sub>A</sub> )	51	B1+ (51-58)	27
	Can summarise and give opinions on issues and stories and answer questions in detail. (C <sub>A</sub> )	56	B1+ (51-58)	29 (V)

SKILL	LEARNING OBJECTIVE	GSE	CEFR	PAGE(S)
Writing	Can write a description of items for sale on a trading website. (P)	57	B1+ (51-58)	22
	Can take notes of key points during a talk on a familiar topic, if delivered clearly. (CA)	55	B1+ (51-58)	23, 24
	Can write a description of a real or imagined event (e.g. a recent trip). (C)	53	B1+ (51-58)	24
	Can write a structured text clearly signalling main points and supporting details. (P)	62	B2 (59-66)	29 (V)



## UNIT 3 Challenges

**Grammar:** Narrative tenses; modals of obligation: present/past

**Function:** Resolving conflict

**Vocabulary:** Adverbs; life challenges; idioms: relationship

SKILL	LEARNING OBJECTIVE	GSE	CEFR	PAGE(S)
Listening	Can understand the main points of narratives and conversations about familiar topics (e.g. work, leisure) delivered in clear standard speech. (C <sub>A</sub> )	47	B1 (43-50)	36
	Can distinguish between main ideas and supporting details in familiar, standard texts. (P)	51	B1+ (51-58)	36
	Can extract key factual information such as dates, numbers and quantities from a presentation. (P)	45	B1 (43-50)	40 (V)
	Can understand a large part of many TV programmes on familiar topics. (C <sub>A</sub> )	58	B1+ (51-58)	40 (V)
	Can extract the meaning of unknown words from context if the topic discussed is familiar. (C <sub>A</sub> )	57	B1+ (51-58)	40 (V)
	Can understand problem and solution relationships in informal conversation. (P)	58	B1+ (51-58)	41 (V)
Reading	Can predict the content of a simple academic text, using headings, images, and captions. (P)	48	B1 (43-50)	32
	Can recognise significant points and arguments in straightforward newspaper articles on familiar topics. (C <sub>A</sub> )	56	B1+ (51-58)	32
	Can infer meaning based on information in a text. (P)	55	B1+ (51-58)	32, 33, 34
	Can generally understand straightforward factual texts on familiar topics. (C <sub>A</sub> )	46	B1 (43-50)	38
Speaking	Can re-tell a familiar story using their own words. (P)	53	B1+ (51-58)	33
	Can express opinions as regards possible solutions, giving brief reasons and explanations. (C <sub>A</sub> )	51	B1+ (51-58)	35, 38, 39
	Can express opinions and attitudes using a range of basic expressions and sentences. (C <sub>A</sub> )	52	B1+ (51-58)	36
	Can use simple language to describe people's personality and emotions. (P)	39	A2+ (36-42)	37
	Can make simple inferences based on information given in a short article. (P)	51	B1+ (51-58)	40 (V)
	Can give an opinion on practical problems, with support when necessary. (C <sub>A</sub> )	56	B1+ (51-58)	41 (V)
Writing	Can use limited discourse devices to link sentences smoothly into connected discourse. (C <sub>A</sub> )	51	B1+ (51-58)	34
	Can write short, simple biographies about real or imaginary people. (C <sub>A</sub> )	51	B1+ (51-58)	34
	Can write a simple discursive essay. (P)	59	B2 (59-66)	41 (V)

## UNIT 4 Science

**Grammar:** Zero, first and second conditionals; passive reporting structures

**Function:** Hedging

**Vocabulary:** Science; reporting verbs; commonly confused words; Internet words/phrases

SKILL	LEARNING OBJECTIVE	GSE	CEFR	PAGE(S)
Listening	Can understand the key points about a radio programme on a familiar topic. (P)	53	B1+ (51-58)	44
	Can distinguish between main ideas and supporting details in familiar, standard texts. (P)	51	B1+ (51-58)	44
	Can follow an everyday conversation or informal interview on common topics. (P)	51	B1+ (51-58)	52 (V)
	Can understand a large part of many TV programmes on familiar topics. (CA)	58	B1+ (51-58)	52 (V)
	Can understand the details of someone's personal and professional experience from an interview or presentation. (P)	58	B1+	52 (V)
Reading	Can infer meaning based on information in a text. (P)	55	B1+ (51-58)	44
	Can distinguish between the main idea and related ideas in a simple academic text in order to answer specific questions. (P)	54	B1+ (51-58)	46
	Can recognise significant points and arguments in straightforward newspaper articles on familiar topics. (CA)	56	B1+ (51-58)	47
	Can identify key information in an extended text or article. (P)	57	B1+ (51-58)	47
Speaking	Can express opinions and attitudes using a range of basic expressions and sentences. (CA)	52	B1+ (51-58)	44
	Can describe events, real or imagined. (C)	47	B1 (43-50)	45
	Can express their thoughts in some detail on cultural topics (e.g. music, films). (CA)	55	B1+ (51-58)	49, 50
	Can report factual information given by other people. (P)	56	B1+	49, 53 (V)
	Can respond to ideas and suggestions in informal discussions. (CA)	55	B1+ (51-58)	49
	Can use stock phrases to gain time and keep the turn whilst formulating what to say. (CA)	64	B2 (59-66)	51
	Can express and comment on ideas and suggestions in informal discussions. (CA)	56	B1+ (51-58)	52 (V)
Writing	Can write a simple business proposal with supporting details. (P)	59	B2 (59-66)	46
	Can take notes while researching a familiar topic. (P)	53	B1+ (51-58)	53 (V)
	Can write short, simple biographies about real or imaginary people. (CA)	51	B1+ (51-58)	53 (V)

## UNIT 5 Explore

**Grammar:** Quantifiers, *-ing* form and infinitive

**Function:** Expressing your opinion

**Vocabulary:** Nature; types of people; formal vs informal register; society

SKILL	LEARNING OBJECTIVE	GSE	CEFR	PAGE(S)
Listening	Can follow most of a clearly structured presentation within their own field. (CA)	57	B1+ (51-58)	59
	Can distinguish between main ideas and supporting details in a simple presentation or lecture. (P)	53	B1+ (51-58)	59
	Can distinguish between main ideas and supporting details in familiar, standard texts. (P)	51	B1+ (51-58)	64 (V)
	Can understand a large part of many TV programmes on familiar topics. (CA)	58	B1+ (51-58)	64 (V)
	Can identify specific events from short spoken descriptions. (WA)	39	A2+	64 (V), 65 (V)
Reading	Can infer meaning based on information in a text. (P)	55	B1+ (51-58)	56, 57
	Can recognise significant points and arguments in straightforward newspaper articles on familiar topics. (CA)	56	B1+ (51-58)	56, 57, 58, 62
	Can make simple inferences based on information given in a short article. (P)	51	B1+ (51-58)	64 (V)
Speaking	Can summarise and give opinions on issues and stories and answer questions in detail. (CA)	56	B1+ (51-58)	56, 63
	Can explain the main points in an idea or problem with reasonable precision. (C)	55	B1+ (51-58)	57
	Can express their thoughts in some detail on cultural topics (e.g. music, films). (CA)	55	B1+ (51-58)	59, 62
	Can reasonably fluently relate a straightforward narrative or description as a linear sequence of points. (CA)	57	B1+ (51-58)	61
	Can express feelings (e.g. sympathy, surprise, interest) with confidence, using a range of expressions. (P)	61	B2 (59-66)	61
	Can respond to ideas and suggestions in informal discussions. (CA)	55	B1+ (51-58)	63
	Can give an extended description of everyday topics (e.g. people, places, experiences). (N2000A)	38	A2+ (36-42)	65 (V)
	Can write a simple review of a film, book or TV programme using a limited range of language. (P)	52	B1+ (51-58)	58
Writing	Can write detailed descriptions of real or imaginary people. (P)	59	B2 (59-66)	60, 65 (V)

## UNIT 6 Goodness

**Grammar:** Modals of deduction; third and mixed conditionals

**Function:** Asking for and expressing agreement/disagreement

**Vocabulary:** Extreme adjectives; two-part phrases; happiness

SKILL	LEARNING OBJECTIVE	GSE	CEFR	PAGE(S)
Listening	Can understand most of a radio programme about a familiar topic. (CA)	60	B2 (59-66)	71
	Can understand scripted speech delivered quickly, if the accent is familiar. (CA)	61	B2 (59-66)	74
	Can identify specific events from short spoken descriptions. (WA)	39	A2+	76 (V)
	Can understand a large part of many TV programmes on familiar topics. (CA)	58	B1+ (51-58)	76 (V)
	Can follow chronological sequences in extended informal speech at natural speed. (P)	65	B2 (59-66)	76 (V)
	Can bring relevant personal experiences into a conversation to illustrate a point. (P)	60	B2 (59-66)	77 (V)
Reading	Can identify key information in an extended text or article. (P)	57	B1+ (51-58)	68, 74
	Can infer meaning based on information in a text. (P)	55	B1+ (51-58)	68, 69, 71
Speaking	Can express their thoughts in some detail on cultural topics (e.g. music, films). (P)	55	B1+ (51-58)	68, 69
	Can express feelings (e.g. sympathy, surprise, interest) with confidence, using a range of expressions. (EA)	61	B2 (59-66)	70
	Can express their opinions in discussions on contemporary social issues and current affairs. (P)	61	B2 (59-66)	70, 71
	Can show degrees of agreement using a range of language. (P)	61	B2 (59-66)	75
	Can give simple reasons to justify a viewpoint on a familiar topic. (P)	50	B1 (43-50)	76 (V), 77 (V)
Writing	Can show different levels of certainty or uncertainty regarding information communicated in a written message. (CA)	63	B2 (59-66)	69
	Can vary the formality of greetings in emails/letters based on intended recipients. (P)	55	B1+ (51-58)	73

## UNIT 7 Arts

**Grammar:** Making comparisons; *so/such*; *be/get used to* vs *used to*

**Function:** Responding to suggestions

**Vocabulary:** Visual arts; multi-word verbs (2); music; everyday objects

SKILL	LEARNING OBJECTIVE	GSE	CEFR	PAGE(S)
Listening	Can infer opinions in a simple presentation or lecture. (P)	54	B1+ (51-58)	84
	Can recognise examples and their relation to the idea they support. (P)	55	B1+ (51-58)	84
	Can understand most of a radio programme about a familiar topic. (CA)	60	B2 (59-66)	86
	Can recognise a speaker's feelings or attitudes. (P)	50	B1 (43-50)	88 (V), 89 (V)
	Can understand a large part of many TV programmes on familiar topics. (CA)	58	B1+ (51-58)	88 (V)
	Can follow changes of topic in factual TV news items and form an idea of the main content. (C)	61	B2 (59-66)	88 (V)
	Can infer meaning based on information in a text. (P)	55	B1+ (51-58)	81
Reading	Can identify key information in an extended text or article. (P)	57	B1+ (51-58)	81, 85
	Can understand the main idea of a passage using textual clues. (P)	50	B1 (43-50)	88 (V)
	Can express their opinions in discussions on contemporary social issues and current affairs. (EA)	61	B2 (59-66)	80, 82
Speaking	Can express their thoughts in some detail on cultural topics (e.g. music, films). (CA)	55	B1+ (51-58)	82, 83, 89 (V)
	Can recommend a course of action, giving reasons. (P)	62	B2 (59-66)	82
	Can exchange information on a wide range of topics within their field with some confidence. (CA)	59	B2 (59-66)	83
	Can bring relevant personal experiences into a conversation to illustrate a point. (P)	60	B2 (59-66)	84
	Can express opinions and attitudes using a range of basic expressions and sentences. (CA)	52	B1+ (51-58)	86
	Can show interest and appreciation in conversation using a range of expressions. (P)	60	B2 (59-66)	87
	Can respond to ideas and suggestions in informal discussions. (CA)	55	B1+ (51-58)	87
	Can use parallel structure in academic writing. (P)	70	B2+ (67-75)	85
	Can write a short, simple academic essay on a familiar topic, if provided with a model. (P)	56	B1+ (51-58)	85
Writing	Can write simple informal emails/letters and online postings giving news or opinions. (P)	46	B1 (43-50)	89 (V)

UNIT 8 Knowledge

**Grammar:** Relative clauses; future forms

**Function:** Guessing and estimating

**Vocabulary:** Lexical chunks with *make, do* and *take*; critical thinking; numbers and statistics; idioms

SKILL	LEARNING OBJECTIVE	GSE	CEFR	PAGE(S)
Listening	Can understand most of a radio programme about a familiar topic. (CA)	60	B2 (59-66)	95
	Can distinguish between relevant and irrelevant content in extended informal speech. (P)	60	B2 (59-66)	99
	Can follow chronological sequences in extended informal speech at natural speed. (P)	65	B2 (59-66)	100 (V)
	Can understand a large part of many TV programmes on familiar topics. (CA)	58	B1+ (51-58)	100 (V)
	Can recognise a speaker's feelings or attitudes. (P)	50	B1 (43-50)	100 (V)
Reading	Can infer meaning based on information in a text. (P)	55	B1+ (51-58)	92, 93, 94, 96, 98
	Can identify key information in an extended text or article. (P)	57	B1+ (51-58)	92, 93, 94, 95
Speaking	Can give clear, detailed descriptions on a wide range of familiar subjects. (CA)	66	B2 (59-66)	92
	Can express their opinions in discussions on contemporary social issues and current affairs. (EA)	61	B2 (59-66)	92, 95, 96
	Can re-tell a familiar story using their own words. (P)	53	B1+ (51-58)	93
	Can justify a viewpoint on a topical issue by discussing pros and cons of various options. (CA)	60	B2 (59-66)	95, 96
	Can explain the main points in an idea or problem with reasonable precision. (C)	55	B1+ (51-58)	97
	Can exchange information on a wide range of topics within their field with some confidence. (CA)	59	B2 (59-66)	97
	Can express feelings (e.g. sympathy, surprise, interest) with confidence, using a range of expressions. (P)	61	B2 (59-66)	99
	Can express belief, opinion, agreement and disagreement politely. (C)	45	B1 (43-50)	100 (V)
	Can express and comment on ideas and suggestions in informal discussions. (CA)	56	B1+ (51-58)	101 (V)
Writing	Can develop a clear written description or narrative with relevant supporting detail and examples. (CA)	65	B2 (59-66)	94
	Can respond in writing to other people's arguments in an appropriate style. (N2007A)	68	B2+ (67-75)	101 (V)

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