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Discover the Global Scale of English



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To support English Language Learners (ELLs) as effectively and efficiently as possible, educators consider three essential questions:

- What is my student's current English proficiency level?
- Is my student making progress?
- What should be the next focus to help them achieve their language goals?

While existing frameworks measure English language learning, none provide the granular insights required to answer these critical questions. **The Pearson Global Scale of English** (GSE) fills this gap by offering **a global standard that enhances the quality of English education** while adapting to various contexts, ages, and stages of learners.

Key features:

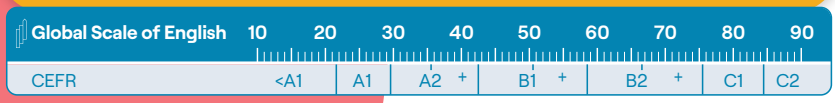
- For learners of all ages, from pre-primary learners through to adults.
- For professional, academic, and general English language applications.
- One simple scale, one path from course to assessment to certification.
- Shows incremental progress to motivate and build confidence.

The Global Scale of English (GSE)

The Global Scale of English, developed by Pearson, is the result of extensive expert research to provide instructors and learners with a more granular understanding of English language proficiency.

It identifies what a learner can do at each point on the scale across speaking, listening, reading, and writing skills.

The GSE extends the Common European Framework of Reference (CEFR) to assess different types of learners on a simple 10-90 scale.



The GSE Ecosystem

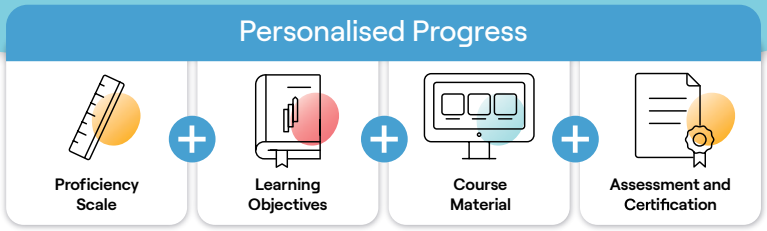
The GSE comprises four key components that form a comprehensive English learning ecosystem:

A. **The Scale** – a granular proficiency scale aligned with the CEFR.

B. **GSE Learning Objectives** – over 1,800 "can-do" statements across reading, writing, speaking, and listening, tailored to five different audiences, Pre-Primary (aged under 6 years old,) Young Learners (6-14 years old), General Adults, Academic Learners, and Professional Learners.

C. **Course Materials** – Aligned digital and printed materials, that match the learning objectives for each course or level.

D. **Assessments** – A range of assessments including placement, formative, summative assessments, and high stakes tests, all aligned to the GSE.



Alignment of the WIDA English Language Development Standards to the Global Scale of English

The Global Scale of English (GSE) has been mapped to WIDA's standards to provide a comprehensive framework for understanding English learners' language abilities in the four key language domains, listening, speaking, reading, and writing.

The alignment between the two frameworks enables educators to track progress step by step and tailor instruction to better meet each learner's needs.

WIDA Grade	GSE Range
Kindergarten	14-39
Grade 1	17-50
Grade 2-3	19-56
Grade 4-5	25-63
Grade 6-8	27-66
Grade 9-12	30-73

WIDA Grade mapping to GSE Range

Each WIDA objective statement is mapped to one or more GSE Learning Objectives, providing a more granular understanding of learners' language abilities across all four language domains: listening, speaking, reading, and writing.

Example of WIDA English Language Development (ELD) Speaking Statement alignment with GSE. Similar mapping is available for writing, listening, and reading.

WIDA ELD Statement	WIDA Proficiency level	WIDA objectives	GSE Learning Objective	GSE Level	CEFR Level
Recount	1 Entering	Repeating words, phrases and memorized chunks of language related to different topics	Can repeat phrases and short sentences, if spoken slowly and clearly.	16	Below A1 (10-21)

Note: The 2016 WIDA objectives statements were used for this alignment, as the 2020 updates are not yet publicly available. The original sections and sub-sections from 2016 were maintained, with consultation from the 2020 framework. For a detailed alignment of the WIDA English Language Development Standards to the Global Scale of English for a specific grade, contact us.

Key Features:

- Unified Framework: Aligns GSE's detailed 10-90 scale with WIDA's established benchmarks for a comprehensive instructional approach.
- Detailed Mapping Table: Provides a clear comparison of GSE proficiency levels with WIDA standards.
- Seamless Curriculum Integration: Ensures that GSE-based materials fit effortlessly into WIDA-based curricula.
- Focused Student Support: Offers tailored resources and assessments that align with both GSE and WIDA.

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