

**Beginner. Level 1**

Some students cannot complete a sentence even to talk about themselves and their families. They do not understand teacher questions in English. This situation is very rare. In some cases it might be necessary to recommend 2 individual sessions to prepare them for entry into the beginner class.

At the higher end of the entry level the students are false beginners. They understand the basic simple questions and can form incomplete replies to personal questions, i.e. name, married, children, and job. Students often understand the questions, but answer in Icelandic.

**Elementary Level 2**

Students can manage replies about their personal history in very simple sentences. They mainly express themselves in the present simple and continuous, often incorrectly. When questions venture beyond their personal circumstances they have difficulty finding the vocabulary i.e. did you go on holiday this summer? However, they have a passive vocabulary and can read and understand an appropriate text without being able to summarize the gist.

**Pre-Intermediate Level 3**

Students have enough vocabulary and grammar to talk about themselves and their work. Can manage present simple and continuous tenses. Have started using the past tense, often incorrectly. Can discuss their hobbies and holidays. They often say they can manage at a basic level but freeze because they cannot find the correct words.

**Intermediate Level 4**

Can hold a reasonable conversation with fairly accurate use of present and simple past tenses. Beginning to use perfect and conditional tenses. Students understand well unless new vocabulary is used. They can say all they need to say using their present level of vocabulary, but say that they often experience a gap which hinders their fluency. At this level students are mainly looking to increase their vocabulary.

**Higher Intermediate Level 5**

The student has a fairly large vocabulary and can carry on a good conversation which relates to their work, interests and current affairs; mostly correct use of simple present, past and future tenses. Their grasp of perfect and conditional tenses can vary, beginning to use idiomatic expressions. At this level the students are mainly looking for more fluency.

**Advanced Level 6**

Broad vocabulary, good grasp of grammar. Using idiomatic expressions. Obviously some vocabulary gaps, and grammatical errors, but speak extremely well overall and are looking for practice in idiomatic speech, specialized vocabulary and to increase self-confidence.