



The Common European Framework of Reference for language learning

	SCALE				
	CEFR scale	UK national language standards (revised 2005)	Languages ladder stages	Common English/Welsh/northern Irish general qualifications	Scottish national units, courses and group awards
LEVEL	A1 Breakthrough	Entry level	Breakthrough: grades 1-3	Entry 1-3	Access 3 Foundation standard
	A2 Waystage	Level 1	Preliminary: grades 4-6	Foundation GCSE	Intermediate 1 General standard grade
	B1 Threshold	Level 2	Intermediate: grades 7-9	Higher GCSE	Intermediate 2 Credit standard grade
	B2 Vantage	Level 3	Advanced: grades 10-12	AS/A/AEA	Advanced Higher Higher
	C1 Effective operational proficiency	Level 4	Proficiency: grades 13-15	Honours degree	Honours degree
	C2 Mastery	Level 5	Mastery: grades 16 & 17	Postgraduate e.g. professional linguist	Postgraduate