

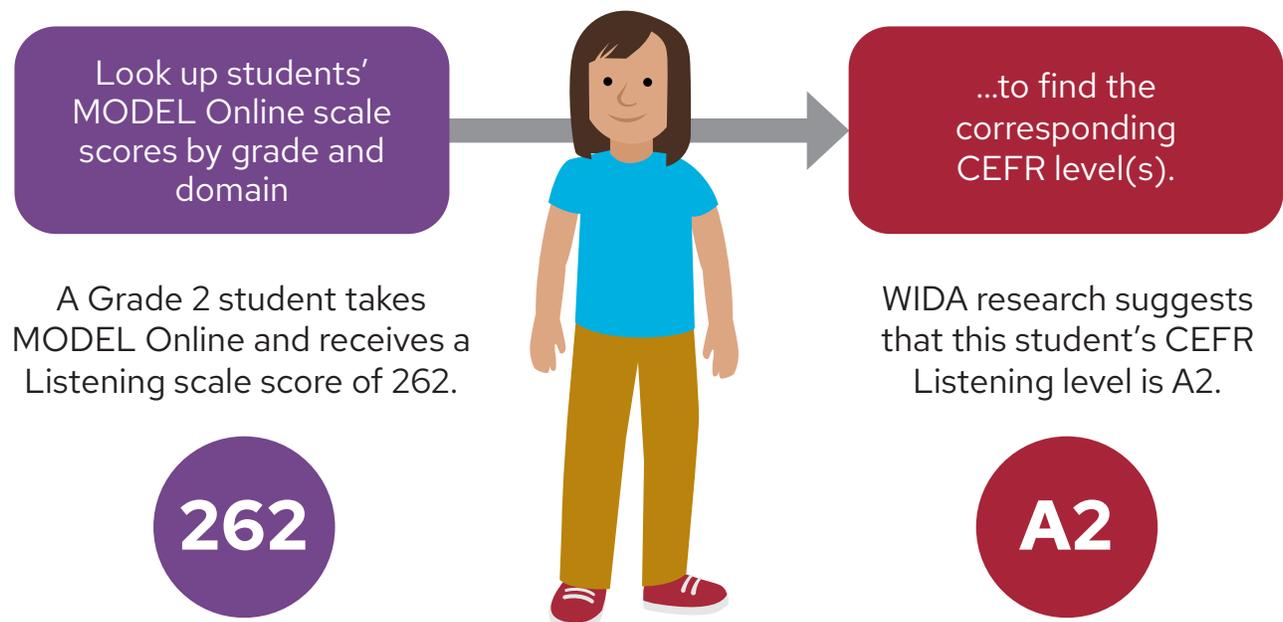
Understanding WIDA MODEL Online Scale Scores in Terms of CEFR Levels

What CEFR levels do WIDA MODEL Online scale scores correspond to?

WIDA research shows that MODEL Online scale scores can be interpreted in terms of CEFR levels. The [Common European Framework of Reference for Languages](#) (CEFR) is an international standard for describing language proficiency. Schools and organizations around the world use the CEFR for teaching, learning, and assessment. Using “can-do” descriptors, the CEFR describes six main levels of language proficiency in listening, speaking, reading, and writing: A1, A2, B1, B2, C1, and C2. These levels are meaningful worldwide. In 2018, sets of supplementary CEFR descriptors were published that are specific to young learners (in Volume 1, for ages 7–10, and in Volume 2, ages 11–15). WIDA used a relevant subset of these descriptors to link MODEL Online to the CEFR.

In 2023, a [study was conducted by WIDA to link MODEL Online scale scores to the CEFR levels](#). International educators who are familiar with both MODEL Online and the CEFR participated in the research. The results of the study suggest that MODEL Online measures language proficiency up to the B1/B2 level for Grades 1–2, up to the B2 level for Grades 3–5, up to the B2/C1 level for Grades 6–8, and up to the C1 level for Grades 9–12.

Use the tables in this document to look up students’ scale score ranges for each domain and the corresponding CEFR levels.



Special notes:

- Determine a student’s CEFR level for each language domain separately. MODEL Online scale scores can be used to estimate a student’s CEFR level in Listening, Speaking, Reading, and Writing, but the composite scale scores cannot be used to determine equivalence between the CEFR levels and the Oral Language, Literacy, and Overall scores.
- While WIDA has linked MODEL Online scale scores to the CEFR levels, connections should not be made between WIDA proficiency levels and CEFR levels.
- MODEL Online measures up to levels B1, B2, and C1, depending on the grade-level cluster and the domain being tested. Students may have higher CEFR levels than indicated by their MODEL Online scale scores. MODEL Online is not designed to measure up to the levels of performance described in the CEFR C2 levels. Similarly, in the elementary grades, some students may have language skills above the B1 and B2 levels; however, MODEL Online is not designed to measure those language skills in the lower grades.

Grades 1-2

Listening Scale Score Range	CEFR Level
100-213	Pre-A1
214-247	A1
248-282	A2
283-314	B1
315+	B2
Speaking Scale Score Range	CEFR Level
100-335	Pre-A1
336-381	A1
382-408	A2
409+	B1
Writing Scale Score Range	CEFR Level
100-244	Pre-A1
245-270	A1
271-306	A2
307-347	B1
348+	B2
Reading Scale Score Range	CEFR Level
100-241	Pre-A1
242-277	A1
278-309	A2
310+	B1

Grades 3-5

Listening Scale Score Range	CEFR Level
100-283	Pre-A1
284-308	A1
309-342	A2
343-370	B1
371+	B2
Speaking Scale Score Range	CEFR Level
100-301	Pre-A1
302-344	A1
345-384	A2
385-399	B1
400+	B2
Writing Scale Score Range	CEFR Level
100-246	Pre-A1
247-270	A1
271-306	A2
307-347	B1
348+	B2
Reading Scale Score Range	CEFR Level
100-267	Pre-A1
268-294	A1
295-338	A2
339-371	B1
372+	B2

Grades 6-8

Listening Scale Score Range	CEFR Level
100-293	Pre-A1
294-319	A1
320-342	A2
343-370	B1
371-401	B2
402+	C1
Speaking Scale Score Range	CEFR Level
100-287	Pre-A1
288-333	A1
334-384	A2
385-405	B1
406+	B2
Writing Scale Score Range	CEFR Level
100-252	Pre-A1
253-284	A1
285-306	A2
307-347	B1
348-371	B2
372+	C1
Reading Scale Score Range	CEFR Level
100-311	Pre-A1
312-341	A1
342-355	A2
356-373	B1
374-390	B2
391+	C1

Grades 9-12

Listening Scale Score Range	CEFR Level
100-293	Pre-A1
294-336	A1
337-367	A2
368-398	B1
399-411	B2
412+	C1
Speaking Scale Score Range	CEFR Level
100-271	Pre-A1
272-314	A1
315-355	A2
356-378	B1
379-445	B2
446+	C1
Writing Scale Score Range	CEFR Level
100-252	Pre-A1
253-284	A1
285-306	A2
307-347	B1
348-371	B2
372+	C1
Reading Scale Score Range	CEFR Level
100-311	Pre-A1
312-345	A1
346-355	A2
356-373	B1
374-390	B2
391+	C1