

Comparison Matrix of CEFR and ALTE

Scale	CEFR (Common European Framework of Reference)	ALTE (The Association of Language Testers in Europe)
<i>Characteristics</i>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>Describes language ability on a scale from A1(beginners) up to C2 (for those who manage the language).</i> • <i>Used by organizations all over the world as a reliable benchmark of language ability</i> 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>Sets quality standards for language assessment.</i> • <i>Uses a five level scale to evaluate learners, from Breakthrough (for beginners) up to 5 (for those who master the language).</i> • <i>Describes by the “Can Do” statements what a person “can do” using he language at a particular level and in a particular context.</i>
<i>Purposes</i>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>To act as a stimulus for reflection, reform and innovation.</i> • <i>So employers and educational institutions can know in a comprehensive way the level of learners and what they need to learn.</i> • <i>To provide Common Reference Levels to assist communication across institutional, regional and linguistic boundaries.</i> 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>Establish common standards for all stages of the language testing process</i> • <i>Promote transnational recognition of language certification</i> • <i>Improve language assessment through joint projects, sharing best practice, and the work of special interest groups</i> • <i>Provide training</i> • <i>Raise awareness of issues relating to language testing through regular meetings</i> • <i>Provide thought leadership through our international conferences</i> • <i>Establish common standards</i>
<i>Teaching Applications</i>	<p style="text-align: center;"><i>Provides common basis for the elaboration of syllabus, examination and textbooks.</i></p>	<p style="text-align: center;"><i>Supports multilingualism through events such as regular conferences and seminars, and also through publications such as the Multilingual Glossary of Language Testing Terms</i></p>