



UNIVERSITY of CAMBRIDGE

ESOL Examinations

English for Speakers of Other Languages

Level 1 Certificate in English (ESOL)*

This is to certify that
LUCA DI STASIO

has been awarded

Grade B

in the

First Certificate in English

Council of Europe Level B2

Date of Examination **JUNE 2006**

Place of Entry **SEREGNO**

Reference Number **0661T0260151**

Accreditation Number **100/2032/9**

*This level refers to the UK National Qualifications Framework

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FIRST CERTIFICATE IN ENGLISH (FCE)

University of Cambridge ESOL (part of UCLES) provides examinations in English for speakers of other languages.

FCE is a general proficiency examination at Level B2 in the Council of Europe Common European Framework. It is at Level 1 in the UK National Qualifications Framework, as specified by the Qualifications and Curriculum Authority (QCA).

FCE has widespread recognition in commerce and industry, e.g. for public contact or secretarial work in banking, airlines, catering, etc. It is also recognised as fulfilling English language entry requirements by many higher education institutions and corporate bodies across the world.

The examination has five papers: Reading, Writing, Use of English, Listening, Speaking.

Performance in FCE is indicated as follows:

- Grade A (Very good)
- Grade B (Good)
- Grade C (Pass)

Successful performance in FCE indicates that candidates can operate independently, with the capacity to achieve most goals and express themselves on a range of topics.

The Association of Language Testers in Europe (ALTE) has developed a framework which covers six levels of language proficiency aligned to the Council of Europe Common European Framework. Research carried out by ALTE has shown what language learners can typically do at each level.

The table below gives some examples at FCE level of typical general ability plus ability in each of the skill areas and in a range of contexts.

Typical abilities	Listening and Speaking	Reading and Writing
Overall general ability	CAN follow a talk on a familiar topic.	CAN scan texts for relevant information.
	CAN keep up a conversation on a fairly wide range of topics.	CAN make notes while someone is talking or write a letter including non-standard requests.
Social & Tourist	CAN ask for clarification and further explanation, and is likely to understand the answer.	CAN read the media for information quickly and with good understanding.
	CAN keep up a conversation on a fairly wide range of topics.	CAN express opinions and give reasons.
Work	CAN ask for factual information and understand the answer.	CAN understand the general meaning of non-routine letters and understand most of the content.
	CAN express her/his own opinion, and present arguments to a limited extent.	CAN write a simple report of a factual nature and begin to evaluate, advise etc.
Study	CAN answer predictable or factual questions.	CAN make simple notes that are of reasonable use for essay or revision purposes, capturing most important points.
	CAN check that all instructions are understood.	CAN present arguments, using a limited range of expression (vocabulary, grammatical structures).

Any alteration to this certificate renders it invalid and use of an altered certificate could constitute a criminal offence.

If there is any doubt about the details recorded on the certificate, contact the local Cambridge ESOL centre for advice on verification procedures.

A † symbol next to the candidate's grade indicates that the candidate was exempt from satisfying the full range of assessment objectives in the examination.

Statement of Results

ENGLISH FOR SPEAKERS OF OTHER LANGUAGES

First Certificate in English

Session
June 2006

Reference No.
066IT0260151

Candidate Name
LUCA DI STASIO

To be quoted on all
correspondence

Place of Entry
SEREGNO

Qualification

FIRST CERTIFICATE IN ENGLISH

Grade

B

Result

PASS

Candidate Profile

	Reading	Use of English	
Exceptional			
	Writing	Listening	Speaking
Good			
Borderline			
Weak			

Explanatory Notes

1. A statement of results is not a certificate, and is issued to every candidate. Certificates will be issued later to successful candidates.
2. Cambridge ESOL reserves the right to amend the information given before the issue of certificates to successful candidates.

GENERAL DESCRIPTION OF THE FIRST CERTIFICATE IN ENGLISH (FCE)

FCE is a general proficiency examination at Level B2 in the Council of Europe Common European Framework. It is at Level 1 in the UK National Qualifications Framework.

Council of Europe Level	Examination
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C2	CPE
C1	CAE
B2	FCE
B1	PET
A2	KET

Research has shown that typical candidates at **Level B2** can:

- follow or give a talk on a familiar topic or keep up a conversation on a fairly wide range of topics.
- scan texts for relevant information and understand detailed instructions or advice.
- make notes while someone is talking or write a letter including non-standard requests.

INTERPRETATION OF OVERALL GRADES

The percentage of marks needed to achieve each grade may vary from session to session depending on the precise difficulty of the individual papers which make up the particular examination. The approximate ranges of percentages for each grade at FCE are typically as follows:

Passing Grades	Grade A	80% and above
	Grade B	75% to 79%
	Grade C	60% to 74%
Failing Grades	Grade D	55% to 59%
	Grade E	54% and below

Absent candidates:

Grade X indicates that the candidate was absent from part of the examination.

Grade Z indicates that the candidate was absent from all parts of the examination.

PENDING indicates that a result cannot be issued at present, but will follow in due course.

Grades A-E do not correspond to the shaded bands on the candidate profile above. There are NO pass/fail levels in individual papers. The overall grade is assigned by adding together scores in individual papers.



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