



UNIVERSITY of CAMBRIDGE

ESOL Examinations

English for Speakers of Other Languages

Level 1 Certificate in Business English (ESOL)*

This is to certify that
MATTHIAS MUELLER

has been awarded

Grade A

in the

Business English Certificate Vantage

Council of Europe Level B2

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BUSINESS ENGLISH CERTIFICATES (BEC)

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

The Business English Certificates (BEC Preliminary, BEC Vantage and BEC Higher) are designed to assess English language competence in the context of business. The examinations test Reading, Writing, Listening and Speaking.

BEC is recognised and used by many higher education institutions and corporations across the world.

BEC Vantage

BEC Vantage assesses English language ability used in the context of business at Council of Europe 'Vantage' Level (B2) for general language proficiency.

BEC examination	Council of Europe Level	UK National Qualifications Framework Level
	C2	Level 3
BEC Higher	C1 ('Effective Operational Proficiency' Level)	Level 2
BEC Vantage	B2 ('Vantage' Level)	Level 1
BEC Preliminary	B1 ('Threshold' Level)	Entry 3
	A2	Entry 2
	A1	Entry 1

For BEC Vantage, there are three passing grades, A, B and C. Grade C indicates that the candidate has achieved a satisfactory level of performance; Grade A indicates the highest level of performance.

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. Long-term research carried out by ALTE has shown what language learners can typically do at each level. The table below gives examples at BEC Vantage level of typical ability in the work domain in each of the skill areas.

Typical candidates at **BEC Vantage** level can perform the following functions:

Typical abilities	Listening and Speaking	Reading and Writing
Work domain	CAN ask for factual information and understand the answer.	CAN understand the general meaning of non-routine letters.
	CAN take and pass on most messages during a normal working day.	CAN understand the general meaning of a report even if the topic isn't predictable.
	CAN express own opinion, and present arguments to a limited extent.	CAN write a simple report of a factual nature and begin to evaluate, advise, etc.
	CAN give a simple, prepared presentation on a familiar topic.	CAN write a non-routine letter where this is restricted to matters of fact.

Further information and examples of the Can-do statements can be found at www.alte.org

Further details of BEC are given in the BEC Handbook, and at www.cambridge-esol.org

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