

# Points and Partial Results

The following subtests are used in determining the success of the examination:

- 1 Listening/Reading/Language Elements
- 2 Writing
- 3 Speaking

## Determining Partial Results of the Subtests Listening, Reading, and Language Elements

The subtests Listening, Reading and Language Elements consist of 59 items. Candidates are awarded one point for each correct item, so that a maximum of 59 points can be obtained.

The breakdown of points is as follows:

Points	CEFR level
43–59	B2
27–42	B1
0–26	Below B1

## Determining Partial Results of the Subtest Writing

Writing is assessed by licensed telc raters according to the marking criteria on pages 33–34. For levels B2 and B1, examiners need to determine whether the candidate's performance is at the upper end of the band or at the lower/middle end of the band.

	B2		B1		A2	0
	upper end	lower/ middle end	upper end	lower/ middle end		
<b>I</b> Content	5	4	3	2	1	0
<b>II</b> Communicative Design	5	4	3	2	1	0
<b>III</b> Accuracy	5	4	3	2	1	0
<b>IV</b> Vocabulary	5	4	3	2	1	0
Total	20	16	12	8	4	0
	100%	80%	60%	40%	20%	0%

The breakdown of points is as follows:

Points	CEFR level
15–20	B2
7–14	B1
0–6	Below B1

## Determining Partial Results of the Speaking Subtest

Speaking is assessed by two licensed telc examiners according to the marking criteria on pages 35-36. Again, for levels B2 and B1, examiners need to determine whether the candidate's performance is at the upper end of the band or at the lower/middle end of the band.

	B2		B1		A2	0
	upper end	lower/ middle end	upper end	lower/ middle end		
<b>I</b> Task Management						
Part 1A	5	4	3	2	1	0
Part 1B	5	4	3	2	1	0
Part 2A	10	8	6	4	2	0
Part 2B	10	8	6	4	2	0
Part 3	20	16	12	8	4	0
<b>II</b> Pronunciation/Intonation	10	8	6	4	2	0
<b>III</b> Fluency	10	8	6	4	2	0
<b>IV</b> Accuracy	15	12	9	6	3	0
<b>V</b> Vocabulary	15	12	9	6	3	0
<b>Total</b>	<b>100</b>	<b>80</b>	<b>60</b>	<b>40</b>	<b>20</b>	<b>0</b>

The breakdown of points is as follows:

Points	CEFR level
75–100	B2
35–74,5	B1
0–34,5	Below B1

# B1 or B2 Certificate?

Whether a candidate receives a telc English B2 Certificate or a telc English B1 Certificate for the examination depends on the partial results achieved in the subtests Listening, Reading, Language Elements, Writing and Speaking. One of the minimum requirements for a certificate is that a B1 or a B2 level must be obtained in the Speaking subtest. Candidates assessed as having skills below level B1 do not receive a certificate.

## B1 Certificate

Every candidate who is assessed at B1 level or above in the Speaking subtest and in one of the subtests for Listening/Reading/Language Elements or Writing is awarded a telc B1 Certificate. In order to receive a B1 Certificate, the following combinations of partial results are possible:

	Case 1	Case 2	Case 3	Case 4	Case 5	Case 6	Case 7	Case 8	Case 9	Case 10	Case 11
Listening/ Reading Language Elements	B1	B1	Below B1	B2	B2	B1	B2	Below B1	B1	Below B1	B1
Writing	B1	Below B1	B1	B2	B1	B2	Below B1	B2	B1	B1	Below B1
Speaking	B1	B1	B1	B1	B1	B1	B1	B1	B2	B2	B1

## B2 Certificate

Every candidate who is assessed at B2 level in the Speaking subtest and in one of the subtests for Listening, Reading, Language Elements or Writing is awarded a telc B2 Certificate. In order to receive a B2 Certificate, the following combinations of partial results are possible:

	Case 1	Case 2	Case 3	Case 4	Case 5
Listening/Reading Language Elements	B2	B2	B2	B1	Below B1
Writing	B2	B1	Below B1	B2	B2
Speaking	B2	B2	B2	B2	B2

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# Background Information on *telc English B1-B2*

## The Answer Sheet S30

The Answer Sheet S30 is a thin booklet with three perforated pages. All of the testing results are recorded on these sheets. The candidates record their answers for the subtests Listening, Reading and Language Elements on pages 2 and 3. The examiners mark their results for the Oral Examination on page 4.

A soft lead pencil should be used to fill in the ovals in the marking section, as well as the contact information at the beginning of the test.



## Scoring

The test results are scored electronically at the telc head office in Frankfurt, Germany. Each Answer Sheet S30 is scanned and compared to the answer keys which are stored in a database. Based on this data, each candidate is issued a result sheet listing their personal test results and, if the required marks have been achieved, a telc Certificate at the attained level.

## telc Raters and Examiners

All examiners who evaluate the candidates' oral performances possess a telc examiner license. They have received this license by successfully participating in a telc examiner training course. The requirements for becoming an examiner are: experience in teaching English, knowledge of the CEFR levels and an understanding of the communicative approach.

All raters who evaluate the candidates' written performance are licensed telc raters who have longstanding experience of tests at CEFR levels B1 and B2. They have successfully participated in a rater training course and learnt how to apply the telc marking criteria accurately.

telc licenses are valid for three years, after which time the examiners and raters must attend another training course in order to renew their licenses and ensure that their rating standards remain consistent.

## Retaking the Exam

The *telc English B1-B2* examination can be repeated as often as the candidate may wish; however no results from previous tests can be incorporated into the new test. The entire examination must be repeated and is scored anew.