

LEVEL GUIDE AND COURSE DESCRIPTORS

LEVEL NAME	*CEFR LEVEL	COURSE CONTENT	TARGET AUDIENCE
HSK 1	A1	General language content. Focus on the skills necessary to learn the basics of communication. Learning the basics of the language. Learning about the basics of the target culture.	Absolute or false beginners.
HSK 1	A1+	General language content. Revision and extension topics taught at Beginners A1 Level. More focus on spoken interaction. More cultural background information.	Learners who have completed a Beginners' course.
HSK 2	A2	General language content. Extension of knowledge gained at previous levels. Extension of grammar, vocabulary, reading and writing. Looking at how native speakers of the language communicate verbally and non-verbally.	Learners who have completed a Post Beginners' course.
HSK 3	B1	General language content with some professional vocabulary and skills. Focus on communicative fluency and introduction of topics related to professional contexts. The basics of language that learners will need at work and in educational settings.	Learners with basic conversational ability.
HSK 4	B1+	General language content with some professional vocabulary and skills. Focus on building confidence and extending the basics of professional vocabulary and communication skills. Understanding the professional culture behind the language.	More confident learners with basic conversational ability.
HSK 5	B2	Professional language content and skills. More emphasis on the language needed for work and in educational contexts. Focus on fluency, pronunciation, reading and writing comprehension. More advanced activities and tasks.	Learners who can communicate in most everyday situations independently.
HSK 6	C1	Higher Advanced professional language content and skills. Focus on improving the skills of already advanced learners and helping them to gain even more advanced comprehension and communication skills so they experience as few barriers as possible when communicating with native-speakers of the language.	Advanced learners who can communicate well and comprehend most of what they hear in conversations in social, educational and professional settings.

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