

Headway

Placement Test A Answer key

NOTE TO THE TEACHER

- ▶ The *Headway* CEFR Placement Tests are designed to provide a useful tool to estimate the student's CEFR level, and subsequently the level of *Headway* at which they should begin or continue their English language studies.
- ▶ Each test (A or B) should take approximately 1 hour to complete.
- ▶ You may wish to make it clear to students that this is a placement test, and as such will be taken by students at all levels of language competence. The questions get progressively more difficult. This means that lower level students will find questions which are beyond their current level of language competence. This should not be seen as failure, but rather a way of making sure they attend the correct class for their language level. For this reason we encourage all students not to spend longer than an hour on the test, even if they are unable to complete it in that time.
- ▶ Please note that there are two versions of the *Headway* CEFR Placement Test: A and B. They cover the same material, but the items in Test B have been slightly altered and differently ordered. This alternative Test B can therefore be used if teachers prefer students sitting next to each other to be taking different tests.
- ▶ Each test (A or B) comprises 9 pages (including the cover sheet) and carries a total score of 100.

The test result CEFR level and *Headway* CEFR edition indicators are as follows:

Test result	CEFR level	The level of <i>Headway</i> CEFR edition the student should use
0–40	A1 – low	The start of A1
41–48	A1 – high	The second half of A1
49–56	A2 – low	The start of A2
57–65	A2 – high	The second half of A2
66–74	B1 – low	The first half of B1 Part One
75–83	B1 – low-medium	The second half of B1 Part One
84–92	B1 – medium-high	The first half of B1 Part Two
93–100	B1 – high	The second half of B1 Part Two

Note: If students get 100%, they are probably ready to start a B2 level, such as *Headway Upper-Intermediate*, or if they found the test very easy, a C1 course, such as *Headway Advanced*.

ANSWER KEY

This answer key relates to *Headway* CEFR Placement Test A.

1 a	21 c	41 d	61 c	81 a
2 b	22 c	42 a	62 d	82 b
3 c	23 d	43 c	63 a	83 b
4 d	24 c	44 b	64 d	84 d
5 d	25 d	45 b	65 b	85 c
6 b	26 d	46 a	66 c	86 a
7 a	27 b	47 a	67 d	87 a
8 c	28 a	48 c	68 a	88 a
9 b	29 a	49 b	69 c	89 b
10 d	30 c	50 d	70 c	90 b
11 d	31 b	51 a	71 b	91 a
12 c	32 b	52 d	72 d	92 c
13 a	33 a	53 c	73 a	93 d
14 b	34 d	54 c	74 a	94 b
15 a	35 c	55 a	75 d	95 c
16 d	36 b	56 d	76 b	96 d
17 c	37 b	57 a	77 b	97 b
18 c	38 c	58 d	78 d	98 d
19 a	39 b	59 a	79 a	99 c
20 b	40 d	60 b	80 c	100 c