What is the CEFR?

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What is the CEFR? (1)

- CEFR = The Common European Framework of Reference for Languages: learning, teaching, assessment.

- Issued by the Council of Europe in 2001.

- language syllabuses
- curriculum guidelines
- examinations
- textbooks

CEFR

- what language learners have to learn to do

What is the CEFR?

- The cultural context in which language is set.

- Levels of proficiency

A1 A2 B1 B2 C1 C2
Beginner   Intermediate   Advanced

What is the CEFR? (3)

- CEFR

→ overcome the barriers to communication among professionals

What is CEFR? (4)

- It provides the means for:

  - educational administrators
  - course designers
  - teachers
  - teacher trainers
  - examining bodies, etc.,

 to **reflect** on their current practice
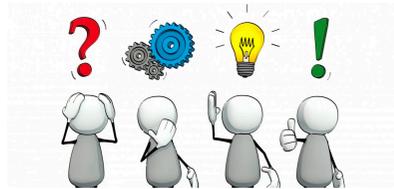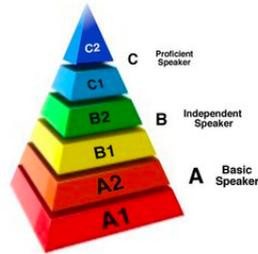
What is the CEFR? (5)

- Providing a common basis for the explicit description of objectives, content and methods
- Enhancing the transparency of courses, syllabuses and qualifications
- Promoting international co-operation in the field of modern languages

- Objective criteria
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- facilitate the mutual recognition of qualifications gained in different learning contexts, and accordingly will aid European mobility.
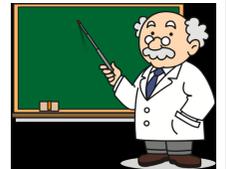
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- Taxonomic nature of the Framework → separate components
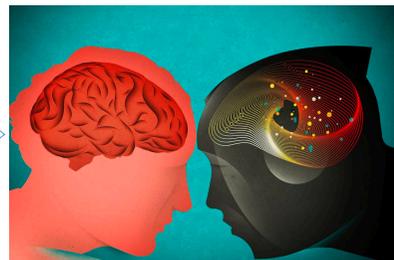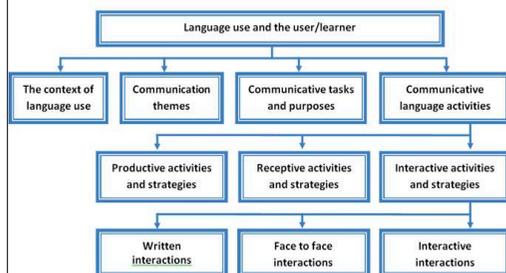
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Communication
the whole human being.

A social agent

Promote the favourable development of the learner's whole personality and sense of identity

It must be left to teachers and the learners themselves to reintegrate the many parts into a healthily developing whole.

What is the CEFR? (8)

- CEFR: 'Partial' qualifications are considered as appropriate
  - Understanding vs. speaking
  - Recognition rather than recall skills
- Giving formal recognition to such abilities will help to promote plurilingualism through the learning of a wider variety of European languages.
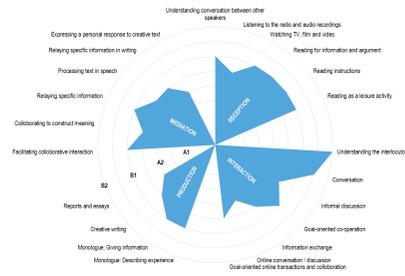
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