

Speaking Score Level Descriptors

Score Range	CEFR Level	Proficiency Descriptors Part of the TOEFL
14–16	В2	 A typical student within this score range can do all of the following: Almost always speak in a fluent and sustained way Almost always use intonation effectively Produce speech that is always understandable to listeners, with only minor errors in pronunciation Almost always produce vocabulary and grammar that is accurate, varied and effective, with only a few errors Tell a complete and coherent story with elaboration and detail Understand and accurately convey all main ideas and supporting details from an academic lecture, with almost no omissions
11–13	В1	 A typical student within this score range can do all of the following: Usually speak in a fluent and sustained way, with some stops or hesitations Usually use intonation effectively Produce speech that is usually understandable to listeners, but with some pronunciation errors Usually produce vocabulary and grammar that is accurate and effective, although with some errors Tell a story that is mostly complete and coherent, although some details are inaccurate or left out Understand and convey main ideas from an academic lecture, although some supporting details may be left out or inaccurate
8–10	A2	 A typical student within this score range can do all of the following: Speak fluently for a few brief stretches Sometimes use intonation effectively Produce speech that is at times understandable to listeners, but with obvious pronunciation errors Often produce basic vocabulary and simple grammatical structures Tell a limited story, occasionally providing details Understand and convey limited information from an academic lecture, but probably leave out many supporting details
Below 8	Below A2	 A typical student may need to develop the following skills: Speaking fluently for at least a few brief stretches Using intonation effectively Producing speech that is understandable to listeners Producing basic vocabulary and simple grammatical structures Telling a story with some details Understanding and conveying some information from an academic lecture