

Maths and English Levels Chart

Levels	Maths - examples	English - examples	
Survival level	Entry 1 (E1)		
	The learner has a very low operational level	Recognise and select coins and notes Count the correct number of drinks for visitors Key in a telephone number	Follow a one-stop verbal instruction Understand common signs in their local area of work, e.g. toilets, no smoking Write own name and address on an official form
	Entry 2 (E2)		
	The learner's level is causing concern and needs to improve for you to be comfortable having them operating in your work area.	Understand measurement and sizes on labels Use simple, familiar measuring equipment, e.g. tape measure Tell the time	Respond to a question and know when to ask for help Follow machine instructions on a vending machine Fill in a simple form
	Entry 3 (E3)		
	The learner's level of operating gives some cause for concern.	Understand price labels on pre-packed (pre-weighed) food Check the receipt and money when paying for one or two items Use a map to find a location	Obtain information or advice from a telephone helpline Read job adverts Write a short letter or email to family member or a friend
Functional level	Level 1 (L1) Equivalent to GCSE D-G		
	The learner has a good score and you can be reasonably comfortable with this learner's level of operating.	Read and interpret bus or train timetables correctly Follow instructions to mix or dilute substances in proportion Estimate distances using scales printed on a map	Take part in an interview for a job or course Follow a straightforward procedure in a manual, e.g. first aid Fill in an application form including writing a personal statement
Operational level	Level 2 (L2) Equivalent to GCSE A*-C		
	The learner has the best possible score. You can be comfortable with this learner's level of operating.	Can do a wide range of number calculations including decimals, percentages, area and capacity Can use and interpret statistical measures, tables and diagrams	Can read and understand most Health and Safety information, working instructions and quality guidelines Can complete accident report forms, and reports accurately with sufficient levels of detail and using suitable vocabulary

- It is possible for learners to have very different operational levels for maths and English.
- English includes reading, writing skills as well as speaking and listening.
- It is possible that levels of reading, writing, and verbal communication can be markedly different for some individuals who may struggle in some areas of literacy but be confident in others.
- Some individuals may think they can't do maths and feel very strongly it's a weakness but may in fact use maths confidently in everyday situations say around money, sport or DIY but don't see this as maths!
- From September 2015, [GCSE grades](#) will begin to use numbers rather than letters, with D-G grades being grades 1-3 and A*-C being 4-9. A good pass at GCSE will be regarded as a grade 5 or above.
- If in doubt - contact your Education department and ask about referral opportunities or find out more about which skills come under each level by using the [interactive Numeracy and Literacy Core Curriculum tool](#).