



Cambridge-Malaysia 5-year Programme

The CEFR Aligned curriculum

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Services

1. Roadmap evaluation: blueprint for education reform
2. **CEFR-Malaysia development and adoption**
3. **Curriculum evaluation, revision and rollout**
4. Learning materials
5. Assessment evaluation, development & capacity building
6. Teacher development programme evaluation
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The CEFR Manual

Familiarisation

Specification

Standardisation

Standard setting

Validation

Methodology used to
validate the new 2018

Companion volume
descriptors

identify and refine the
most successful
*content and learning
standards*

determine whether
distinctions between
content standards are
feasible

calibrate the best
*content and learning
standards*

Some Learning Standards

Listen to and repeat greetings

Can recognise simple greetings. Can greet people, say his/her name and take leave of them.
(Pre-A1, Conversation)

Recognise letters of the alphabet by their (i) shape
(ii) name



Some Content Standards

Understand meaning in a variety of familiar contexts

Use appropriate listening strategies in a variety of contexts

Recognise and reproduce target language sounds

Communicate simple information about themselves clearly

Communicate simple information clearly

Understand a variety of linear and non-linear print and digital texts by using appropriate reading strategies



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Map learning standards to the CEFR

Rank order learning standards

Match *content* and *learning standards*

Evaluate and edit Content and Learning standards

Training

Collation and editing

Validation

identify and refine the most successful *content and learning standards*

determine whether distinctions between *content standards* are feasible

calibrate the best *content and learning standards*

Map learning

Map learning
standards to the
CEFR

Some Reflections

Joys and limitations of the new Companion volume

Mapping a text item vs mapping a descriptor

Curriculum development vs test development

Selection of judges and panellists

Rank ordering vs comparative judgement

Curriculum impact and test impact

Workload and time

Proficiency testing vs achievement testing





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