

# Familiarisation

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One of five inter-related sets of procedures in the Manual:

1. Familiarisation
  - training activities based on detailed knowledge of the CEFR
2. Specification
3. Standardization & Benchmarking
4. Standard setting
5. Validation

## Familiarisation

- No absolute boundary between the end of Familiarisation and the beginning of Specification or Standardisation
- Sufficient awareness of CEFR levels needed to analyse and assess test tasks and performances
- Detailed knowledge of CEFR levels and illustrative descriptors needed

## Detailed knowledge of the CEFR

- The CEFR model of language use
  - action-oriented approach
- Illustrative descriptors (“can-do” statements)
- CEFR levels

## Three Tasks

1. Ordering the Common Reference Levels (global scale):
  - Table 1 in the CEFR: summary of the set of CEFR levels
2. Ordering salient characteristics of CEFR levels:
  - CEFR section 3.6; Highlights Table 3.1
3. Self-assessing one's ability in two foreign languages:
  - Self-assessment grid: CEFR Table 2, Highlights Table 3.2