

This guide helps students interpret their percentage scores on the *Language in Use Intermediate* exam.

<u>Percentage Score</u>	<u>Performance Level</u>	<u>Interpretation &amp; Recommendations</u>
100–93%	Excellent	You have demonstrated a superior level of mastery. You are highly prepared for the <i>Language and Use Advanced</i> exam ( <i>Lehramt</i> students), and your strong command of English suggests continued academic success. Maintain your momentum through advanced coursework and reflective practice.
92–83%	Good	Strong and consistent performance. Continue reinforcing your skills, particularly if preparing for the <i>Language and Use Advanced</i> exam ( <i>Lehramt</i> students). Expand your vocabulary by engaging with a range of authentic materials.
82–72%	Satisfactory	You show a competent grasp of language structures with stable control of grammar, vocabulary, and text cohesion. Vocabulary development should be a priority at this level. Maintain improvement through regular reading of and engagement with well-written texts (e.g. fiction, non-fiction, newspapers), focused grammar practice, and peer interaction to improve fluency and lexical range.
71–60%	Marginal Pass	You meet the basic threshold for C1-level proficiency, but weaknesses in accuracy, vocabulary breadth and depth, and consistency may hinder further progress. You now need to identify concrete gaps—such as limited lexical variety, repetitive phrasing, or grammatical lapses—and address them through structured vocabulary-building strategies and deliberate practice across all skill areas.
59–50%	Borderline Fail	Your proficiency is not yet sufficient. However, students in this range can often reach the required level within one semester of sustained study. Ask your instructor for a diagnostic review of your exam performance. Create a clear action plan that includes thematic vocabulary expansion, targeted grammar exercises, and regular engagement with reading and listening materials.
49–40%	Clear Fail	English proficiency is well below the required level. In addition to re-taking the department’s language courses (LCs I and II), structured remedial work is strongly advised such as courses at the university’s language centre as well as guided self-study focused on grammar, vocabulary building, and reading comprehension. Do not re-attempt the <i>Language and Use Intermediate</i> exam without a clear and well-planned strategy. Speak to your instructor or contact the subject coordinator (Dan Honert) for individualized guidance.

**Below 40%    Critical Fail**

This score reflects a serious and sustained deficiency in English proficiency. You should expect a minimum of one year or more of intensive language study and structured practice to reach the required level and before re-attempting the *Language and Use Intermediate* exam. You must speak to the subject coordinator (Dan Honert) as a matter of urgency. While the Cambridge C1 Advanced exam may be a final option, success demands 190+ in all components and typically multiple attempts. Focus your efforts on long-term development with vocabulary growth, core language skill acquisition, and comprehensive academic support.