

DELFL Exam Syllabus (A1 to B2)

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Levels Covered: A1, A2, B1, B2 (based on CEFR)

Modules: Listening, Reading, Writing, Speaking

DELFL A1 – Breakthrough Level

General Objective:

Basic ability to communicate in everyday situations using simple expressions.

1. Listening (Compréhension Orale):

- Understand familiar words and basic phrases.
- Identify key information in announcements or short conversations.
- **Duration:** ~20 mins
- **Tasks:** 3–4 audio exercises, MCQs or true/false answers.

2. Reading (Compréhension Écrite):

- Read and understand short, simple texts (e.g., signs, emails, posters).
- Extract basic information.
- **Duration:** ~30 mins
- **Tasks:** MCQs and short-answer questions.

3. Writing (Production Écrite):

- Fill out forms, write basic sentences.
- Compose simple personal messages (e.g., postcards).
- **Duration:** ~30 mins
- **Tasks:** 2 writing tasks.

4. Speaking (Production Orale):

- Participate in a guided conversation.
 - Answer personal questions, describe objects or situations.
 - **Duration:** 5–7 mins
 - **Structure:** 3 parts: interview, information exchange, role-play.
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DELFL A2 – Waystage Level

General Objective:

Communicate in routine tasks requiring simple and direct exchange of information.

1. Listening:

- Understand frequently used expressions.
- Follow short dialogues, instructions, and messages.
- **Duration:** ~25 mins

2. Reading:

- Understand emails, brochures, advertisements.
- Grasp the main idea in short texts.
- **Duration:** ~30 mins

3. Writing:

- Write short messages, notes, or descriptions.
- **Duration:** ~45 mins
- **Tasks:** Writing a note or informal letter.

4. Speaking:

- Handle short conversations and describe experiences or plans.
 - **Duration:** 6–8 mins
 - **Structure:** 3 parts: interview, dialogue, role-play.
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DELFB1 – Threshold Level

General Objective:

Express yourself on familiar topics and deal with most situations while traveling.

1. Listening:

- Understand main points of clear speech on familiar subjects.
- Follow radio or TV content with visual support.
- **Duration:** ~25 mins

2. Reading:

- Understand general meaning of texts on everyday or professional topics.
- Read newspaper articles, instructions, emails.
- **Duration:** ~35 mins

3. Writing:

- Write connected text: narration, description, argumentation.
- Letters/emails expressing opinions or complaints.

- **Duration:** ~45 mins
- **Tasks:** 2 writing exercises.

4. Speaking:

- Express personal views, experiences, feelings.
 - Participate in conversations and discussions.
 - **Duration:** ~15 mins
 - **Structure:** Personal interview, monologue, interaction.
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DELFB2 – Vantage Level

General Objective:

Communicate with fluency and spontaneity in complex situations.

1. Listening:

- Understand extended speech, debates, and abstract topics.
- Follow news bulletins, interviews, and conferences.
- **Duration:** ~30 mins

2. Reading:

- Read detailed texts including technical articles and editorials.
- Analyze tone, purpose, and structure.
- **Duration:** ~60 mins

3. Writing:

- Write well-structured texts: formal letters, reports, essays.
- Argue and defend opinions with clarity and logic.
- **Duration:** ~60 mins
- **Tasks:** One structured argument-based writing task.

4. Speaking:

- Develop and defend opinions during a discussion.
- Present detailed topics with relevant examples.
- **Duration:** ~20 mins
- **Structure:** Short speech + debate with examiner.