

How do I know which level I am at for literacy or numeracy?

Read through the Maths and English personality profiles to see if any of them sound familiar.

Please bear mind that this is only a rough guide. If you think you may be Level 1 or Level 2, you can check this on the Move On website: www.move-on.org.uk. You can brush up your maths and English skills at home through the BBC Skillswise website: www.bbc.co.uk/skillswise.

If you do want to take a course, you should contact one of the basic skills training providers on our interactive map to arrange a proper assessment and get professional advice about which course is right for you.

NUMERACY LEVELS

Entry 2

You can do adding up but are not always sure about subtraction or multiplication. You would like to be more confident at everyday maths like money, shopping and special offers, or working out timetables and measures. You have probably always found maths hard but would like to have another try and start from the beginning.

Entry 3

You can do adding and subtracting but are not too sure about 'borrowing'. You can probably do short multiplication but not long multiplication or division. You can cope with everyday maths like money and getting change but would like to feel more confident about, for example special offers or metric weights in cooking. You might know one or two of your times tables but generally have to work them out.

Level 1

This is *roughly* equivalent to a Grade D at GCSE. If you are at Level 1 you probably feel reasonably OK at maths but sometimes worry that you have forgotten things you learned at school! You feel pretty confident at adding and taking away, you can do short multiplication and probably long multiplication too, but are not too sure about division. You can cope with everyday maths like shopping and bills but would like to be more confident generally. You would like to be able to do percentages. You know most of your tables but may have to work some out. You can look at simple graphs (e.g. a temperature chart), booking forms and timetables and work out what to do.

Level 2

This is *roughly* equivalent to a Grade C at GCSE. At this level, you can do adding, subtracting and short and long multiplication fairly easily, though you may feel you need to revise long division. You worry that your maths is not as good as it used to be! You know your tables and feel pretty confident with everyday maths, working out bills and best deals etc. You can look at simple graphs and charts and know what they are about and are confident with booking forms and timetables. You can work out some basic percentages like '10% off'.