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The EIKEN Test in Practical English Proficiency is a suite of tests with tasks to assess the four skill areas: reading, writing, listening, and speaking. The tests are offered three times a year in Japan and other countries around the world. There are seven levels, or grades, as described below. The grades are administered on a pass/fail basis.

The EIKEN grades are widely recognized in Japan as language-proficiency qualifications for education and business, and by a growing number of colleges and universities in North America and Australia for international admissions.

This certificate shows that the person designated possesses the English proficiency level of the grade in which he or she has been certified.

| Grade | Level of Proficiency |
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| 1 | Can understand and use language necessary to participate effectively in a wide range of social, professional, and educational situations. |
| Pre-1 | Can understand and use language necessary to participate effectively in social, professional, and educational situations. |
| 2 | Can understand and use language at a level sufficient to allow him/her to take part in social, professional, and educational situations. |
| Pre-2 | Can understand and use language at a level sufficient to allow him/her to take part in general aspects of daily life. |
| 3 | Can understand and use language concerning familiar, everyday topics such as likes and dislikes and basic personal and family information. |
| 4 | Can understand and use simple words, phrases, and short sentences. |
| 5 | Can understand and use basic words, phrases, and simple greetings. |

The numbers in the upper right-hand corner on the reverse side represent: