

English Bible Translations by Reading Level

	Translation	Reading Grade Level	Translation Type	Primary Use	Translation Date	Translators
1	New International Reader's Version (NIRV)	3	Simplified Dynamic	Children, ESL readers	1996	NIV Committee on Bible Translation
2	The Message (MSG)	4	Paraphrase	Devotional reading	2002	Eugene H. Peterson
3	Contemporary English Version (CEV)	5	Dynamic equivalence	Outreach, children	1995	American Bible Society
4	New Living Translation (NLT)	6	Dynamic equivalence	Devotional, readability	1996, rev. 2015	Tyndale House Translators
5	Good News Translation (GNT)	6	Dynamic equivalence	Outreach, readability	1976	United Bible Societies
6	New International Version (NIV)	7	Balanced (Dynamic + Formal)	General purpose	1978, rev. 2011	Committee on Bible Translation
7	Christian Standard Bible (CSB)	7	Optimal equivalence	General use, teaching	2017	Holman Bible Publishers
8	Common English Bible (CEB)	7	Dynamic equivalence	Mainline Protestant use	2011	120 scholars from 24 denominations
9	Revised English Bible (REB)	8	Dynamic equivalence	Literary and general reading	1989	Joint Committee of UK Churches
10	English Standard Version (ESV)	10	Essentially literal	Preaching, study, memorization	2001	Crossway, conservative scholars
11	New American Standard Bible (NASB)	11	Formal equivalence	Serious study, exegesis	1971, rev. 2020	Lockman Foundation
12	New Revised Standard Version (NRSV)	12	Formal equivalence	Academic, ecumenical	1989, updated 2021	National Council of Churches
13	Lexham English Bible (LEB)	12	Formal equivalence	Interlinear study, Logos users	2010	Logos Bible Software
14	Amplified Bible (AMP)	12	Expanded literal	Word studies, amplified meanings	1965, rev. 2015	Zondervan, Lockman Foundation
15	Revised Standard Version (RSV)	12	Formal equivalence	Academic, liturgical	1952	National Council of Churches
16	New Jerusalem Bible (NJB)	12	Formal + Literary	Catholic, literary readers	1985	Catholic scholars
17	King James Version (KJV)	12	Formal equivalence	Traditional, liturgical	1611	47 Church of England scholars