Some explanations of literacy and numeracy

[**Literacy**](https://moodle.weltec.ac.nz/mod/glossary/showentry.php?eid=3110&displayformat=dictionary)

Literacy is the written and oral language people use in

everyday life and work. A person's literacy refers to the

extent of their oral and written language skills and

knowledge and their ability to apply these to meet the

varied demands of their personal, study and work lives.

[**Numeracy**](https://moodle.weltec.ac.nz/mod/glossary/showentry.php?eid=3115&displayformat=dictionary)

Numeracy is the bridge between mathematics and real

life. A person's numeracy refers to their knowledge and

understanding of mathematical concepts and their ability

to use their mathematical knowledge to meet the varied

demands of their personal, study and work lives.

from *Guidelines* series *Strengthening Literacy and Numeracy through Embedding: Guidelines for ITPs* (2009), pp. 20-21.

Critical literacy enables people to get their message across effectively, analyse and understand the implications of text and other forms of communication, and actively participate within their families, communities and workplaces.

[Literacy](https://moodle.weltec.ac.nz/mod/glossary/showentry.php?eid=3110&displayformat=dictionary) Aotearoa. (2003).[*Literacy*](https://moodle.weltec.ac.nz/mod/glossary/showentry.php?eid=3110&displayformat=dictionary)*Aotearoa Charter.*Auckland, New Zealand: Author. p. 4