

The grade of a climb is a subjective indication of the technical difficulty of the route. Those described systems (next page) use the most difficult move or series of moves to determine the grade apart from the U.K. system where they use two different grades. In the British system they use one grade describing the overall difficulty of the climb and one to describe the most difficult move of the climb. For example could an easy route with a difficult move have a grade of E3/6b.

### Comparison chart for some of the different free climbing rating systems

UIAA	French	YDS	Australia	U.K.	Saxon	Czech	Sweden
1	1	5.2	10	easy	I		
2	2	5.3	11	m	II		
3	3	5.4	12	d	III		
4	4	5.5	13	hvd	IV		4
5-		5.6	14	ms	V		4+
5	5	5.7	15	4 a	s	VI	5-
5+			16	4 b	vs	VII a	5
6-	5+	5.8	17	4 c	hvs	VII b	5+
6	6 a	5.9	18	5 a		VII c	6-
6+	6 a+	5.10 a	19	5 b	e 1	VIII a	6
7-	6 b	5.10 b	20	5 c		VIII b	6+
7	6 b+	5.10 c	21		e 2	VIII c	
7+	6 c	5.10 d	22	6 a	e 3	IX a	7-
8-	6 c+	5.11 a	23		e 4	IX b	7
8	7 a	5.11 b	24	6 b		IX c	7+
8+	7 a+	5.12 a	25		e 5	X a	
9-	7 b	5.12 b	26	6 c		X b	8-
9	7 b+	5.12 c	27		e 6	X c	8
9+	7 c	5.12 d	28	7 a			
10-	7 c+	5.13 a	29		e 7		8+
10	8 a	5.13 b	30		e 8		9-
10+	8 a+	5.13 c	31	7 b			9
11-	8 b	5.13 d	32		e 9		9+
11	8 b+	5.14 a	33		e 10		
	8 c	5.14 b					
	8 c+	5.14 c					
	9 a	5.14 d					