



English Language



Overview

The A-level English Language specification offers opportunities for students to develop their subject expertise by engaging creatively and critically with a wide range of texts and discourses. Students will create texts and reflect critically on their own processes of production, while analysing the texts produced by others. The specification explores the study of English Language both as a medium of communication and as a topic in its own right, with an emphasis on the ability of students to pursue lines of enquiry, debate different views, and work independently to research aspects of language in use. Language is seen as a creative tool for expression and social connection, as well as for individual cognition. The study of language as a symbolic system used to assert power in society is also fundamental to the scope of this specification.

Requirements

Grade 6, or better, in GCSE English Language

Assessment

80% Examination and 20% Coursework:

Examination:

- Language the individual and society:
 - Textual varieties and representations
 - Children’s language development (0-11 years old)
- Language the individual and society:
 - Diversity and/or Language Change
 - Language discourses – analysis and a directed writing task.

Coursework:

- A language investigation with a piece of original writing and a commentary. (student’s own choice of texts/question)

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<https://www.aqa.org.uk/subjects/english/as-and-a-level/english-language-7701-7702/introduction>

Progression and Career Opportunities

An A Level in English Language could lead to a career as: ·

- Digital copywriter · Editorial assistant · English as a foreign language teacher · Magazine/newspaper journalist · Primary or Secondary school teacher · Talent agent · Web content manager · Writer · Academic librarian · Marketing executive · Media researcher · Public relations officer · Records manager · Social media manager

“I think English language is fascinating! It has really opened my eyes and given me a new perspective on how language shapes and influences our everyday lives, much more than we ever notice!” Amy, Year 12