



A Level English Language



Why study English Language?

English Language is a highly sought after and respected qualification, which provides a solid foundation for a wide range of higher education courses. This subject is interesting, stimulating and allows you a chance to actively engage with everyday language and understand how it works. Analysis is a major part of the course and you will encounter countless texts of countless different genres and subjects - and not only written data either.

Exam Board:



Overview of course content

A Level

(specification code: 7702)

Examination	% of A Level
Paper 1 - Language, the Individual and Society (Assessed on textual variations and representations, children's language development (0-11 years) and methods of language analysis) Exam duration: 2 hours 30 minutes (100 marks)	40%
Paper 2 - Language Diversity and Change (Assessed on language diversity and change, language discourses, writing skills and methods of language analysis) Exam duration: 2 hours 30 minutes (100 marks)	40%
Non-exam assessment: Language in Action (Assessed on language investigation, original writing and methods of language analysis) Word count: 3,500 (100 marks)	20%

You will investigate a number of questions, such as the following:

- Why is Shakespeare's language so different to ours?
- Will English be the same in a few hundred years' time?
- How have words like 'twerk' and 'selfie' entered the dictionary?
- Why do people sound so different across the country?
- Do men interrupt more and why are women more cooperative?
- Why is English the most widely spoken language around the world?
- Is there such a thing as 'bad' English?

If you have any questions, please contact:
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Careers/Future Opportunities

Knowing more about language and improving your written and verbal skills can only make you work more effectively in any course or career you wish to follow. Examples of areas students might wish to enter are: media; advertising; teaching or journalism.

Many universities offer linguistics, creative writing and language-related courses for which English Language is very suitable.