

SUBJECT:
English
Language



EXAM BOARD:
AQA

Course Overview

Paper 1 Language, the individual and society

How it's assessed

Written exam: 2 hours 30 minutes
100 marks
40% of A-level

Questions

Section A – Textual variations and representations

Two texts (one contemporary and one older text) linked by topic or theme.
A question requiring analysis of one text (25 marks)
A question requiring analysis of a second text (25 marks)
A question requiring comparison of the two texts (20 marks)

Section B – Children's language development

A discursive essay on children's language development, with a choice of two questions where the data provided will focus on spoken, written or multimodal language (30 marks)

What's assessed

Textual variations and representations
Children's language development (0 – 11 years)
Methods of language analysis are integrated into the activities

Paper 2 Language diversity and change

How it's assessed

Written exam: 2 hours
84 marks
35% of A-level

Questions

Section A – Diversity and change

One question from a choice of two, either:
an evaluative essay on language diversity (30 marks)
Or an evaluative essay on language change (30 marks)

Section B – Language discourses

Two texts about a topic linked to the study of diversity and change.
A question requiring analysis of how the texts use language to present ideas, attitudes and opinions (40 marks)
A directed writing task linked to the same topic and the ideas in the texts (30 marks)

What's assessed

Language diversity and change
Language discourses
Writing skills
Methods of language analysis are integrated into the activities

	<p><u>Non-Exam Assessment</u> <u>How it's assessed</u> 3500 word investigation into aspects of Language study and a piece of original writing 100 marks 20% of A-level Assessed by teachers Moderated by AQA</p>
<p>Useful websites</p>	<p>http://www.english.org/user/login Register yourself, for free, in order to test your knowledge of linguistic terminology http://www.universalteacher.org.uk/contents.htm#langa An introduction to linguistic study. http://englishlangsfx.blogspot.co.uk/ A wide range of up to date articles, video, and comments on language in use. http://research.ncl.ac.uk/decte/toon/ Links to examples of accent and dialect of the North East in use and over time. http://www.bbc.co.uk/voices/ Explore regional accents and dialects from across the British Isles. http://www.bl.uk/learning/langlit/ Explore the evolution of the English Language. www.aqa.org.uk</p>
<p>Summer task</p>	<p>Research essay (Handwritten on one side of A4): Before we start the course it is a good idea to have done some research on theorists that we will study. Choose one of the following and write a side of A4 that explores what their theory is and how it relates to language.</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Robin Lakoff (Language and gender) 2. Leo Vygotsky (Child language acquisition) 3. Milroy and Milroy (Social groups) 4. Deborah Cameron (Language and gender) <p>Please also ensure you know your word classes at a basic level eg. Verb, noun, adjective, modal verb etc</p>