



English Language summer reading and tasks.

The A Level consists of two exams and two pieces of coursework:

Exam 1 = **Language Change**: The current and past changes of the English language.

Language and the individual: Analysis of different types of text. Analysis and comparison of language in its social context in two texts.

Exam 2 = **Language acquisition**: How we learn to talk, read and write.

Language varieties: Where language comes from, who it is for and what is its purpose? Two discursive essays. One on diversity of language and one on attitudes to language.

Course work includes an investigation on a subject of your choice and a piece of creative writing.

Read

You should read: Language: A student handbook on key topics and theories by the English and Media Centre. [A/AS Level English Language for AQA Student Book \(A Level \(AS\) English Language AQA\): Amazon.co.uk: Giovanelli, Marcello, Ives, Gary, Keen, John, Rana, Raj, Rudman, Rachel, Giovanelli, Marcello: 9781107465626: Books](#)

This course book is also available in the library.

Research linguistics and text varieties

Look at the research and works of:

David Crystal – Approaches to English language and how it is used

Angela Goddard – Analysis of different text types and their place in society

George Yule – Word level semantics and structure level text analysis

Also **read** Beth Kemp and Dan Clayton's online articles about the use of language in the modern world.

Read and produce summaries of Pragmatic theorists a) Grice, b) Lakoff, c) Leech d) Goffman / Brown / Levinson

Learn the key terms

at: <http://filestore.aqa.org.uk/resources/english/AQA-7701-7702-GLOSSARY.PDF>

Read and listen to a range of paper and multimedia texts.

Write a list of 20 different texts you have read, identifying their **precise** audience, purpose and key features.

- e.g.
1. Female fell running clothing advertisement including a range of rhetorical features.
 2. Online children's persuasive and informative leaflet on staying away from strangers. Advice features and information layout.

Revision guides / work books: AQA recommend Alan Gardiner's guide. But all available will be comprehensive and useful for the course. Check they are for the latest AQA specification. If you are unsure, just ask.

Also refer to the exam website: <http://www.aqa.org.uk/subjects/english/as-and-a-level/english-language-7701-7702> or email Mrs Ellwood if you have any questions.