

English Language

To start exploring, and best prepare yourself for studying this subject at A-level, your teachers recommend accessing the range of resources below:

Exam board and title	AQA – A Level English Language
Read ...	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>The Adventure of English</i> by Melvyn Bragg • <i>The Cambridge Encyclopaedia of the English Language</i> by David Crystal • <i>Mother Tongue: The Story of the English Language</i> by Bill Bryson • A range of high-quality broadsheet opinion columns • Novels and short stories from a variety of genres • Extracts from high-quality blogs, biographies and sources of non-fiction
Watch ...	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>Arrival</i> – film starring Amy Adams and Jeremy Renner • <i>Genie: Secret of the Wild Child</i> • <i>David Crystal – Will English Always be a Global Language?</i> • <i>The History of the English Language</i>: BBC Documentary • <i>The King's Speech</i> – film • Any films and TV series with distinct English accents: <i>The Full Monty</i>, <i>Bridget Jones' Diary</i>, <i>Lock Stock and Two Smoking Barrels</i>, <i>Braveheart</i>, <i>Gavin and Stacey</i> • Talking Heads Monologues (BBC)
Browse ...	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The British-Irish Dialect Quiz - The New York Times (nytimes.com) • Dialect Coaches on the Ins & Outs of Mastering Accent Work - In the Envelope: The Actor's Podcast - YouTube • BBC Radio 4 - Limelight - Five things you need to know about Forensic Audiology • BBC - Voices • Oxford Word of the Year 2022 Oxford Languages (oup.com)
Other Suggestions	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Visit a nursery, observe how toddlers and young children are spoken to • Visit some KS1 lessons and consider how students' language is different to that observed in a nursery • When out and about, listen in to group conversations. Note their word choices and the structure of the words they speak • Think about your own language and where you use it – does your language differ when speaking to and communicating with different groups of people? • Speak to your elders: what is their opinion of how the “youth of today” speak? • Keep note of the news and any articles on the topic of accent, dialect, teenspeak and “incorrect” English