

ENGLISH (2 x GCSE)

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WHAT IS THE SUBJECT ABOUT?

English Language is about showing how well you can speak, listen, read and write. English Literature allows you to show that you enjoy novels, poetry, and plays, and understand how writers use language to affect your feelings.

HOW WILL I BE ASSESSED?

AQA English Language and English Literature

ENGLISH LANGUAGE

Assessments

You will be expected to read a text for the first time and be able to write about it.

Paper 1: Explorations in Creative Reading and Writing - 50% of GCSE

Written exam: 1 hour 45 minutes (80 marks)

- **Section A Reading:** one literature fiction text (40 Marks)
- **Section B Writing:** descriptive or narrative writing (24 marks for content, 16 marks for accuracy)

Paper 2: Writers' Viewpoints and Perspectives - 50% of GCSE

Written exam: 1 hour 45 minutes (80 marks)

- **Section A Reading:** one non-fiction text and one literary non-fiction text (40 marks)
- **Section B: Writing:** writing to present a viewpoint (24 marks for content, 16 marks for accuracy)

ENGLISH LITERATURE

Assessments

You will be expected to remember the literature that you have studied (you will not be able to bring a copy of the text with you).

Paper 1: Shakespeare and the 19th-century novel - 40% of GCSE

Written exam 1 hour 45 minutes (64 marks)

Section A Shakespeare: students will be required to write in detail about an extract from Shakespeare's *Macbeth* and the play as a whole.
Section B The 19th-century novel: students will be required to write in detail about an extract from Dickens' *A Christmas Carol* and the novel as a whole.

Paper 2: Modern texts and poetry - 60% of GCSE

Written exam: 2 hour 15 minute (96 marks)

Section A Modern texts: students will answer one essay question from a choice of two on Priestley's *An Inspector Calls*.
Section B Poetry: students will answer one comparative question on one named poem printed on the paper and one other poem from their chosen anthology cluster.
Section C Unseen poetry: students will answer one question on one unseen poem and one comparative question.

WHAT WILL I DO IN LESSONS?

You will practise writing about articles, poetry and also writing articles and descriptions of your own. You will prepare talks and listen to your friends giving talks.

WHAT ELSE DO I NEED TO CONSIDER?

You will develop your habit of reading for enjoyment, and writing to express your feelings and responses.

WHAT DO STUDENTS THINK OF THE SUBJECT?

"We get to share our ideas about texts"
"It's about your own feelings and interpretation"
"I really enjoy the creative writing"