

ENGLISH LANGUAGE

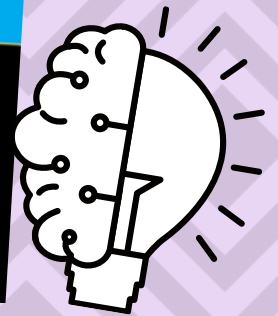
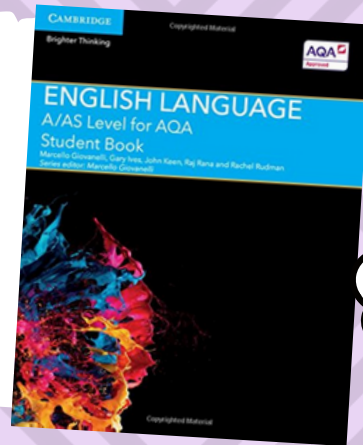


STEP UP TO SIXTH FORM



KEY INFO:

Faculty: English
Course Title: A-Level English Language
Exam Board: AQA
Course Textbook: A/AS Level English Language for AQA Student Book A Level (AS) English Language AQA) – 4 Jun. Edited by Marcello Giovanelli et al.



ACTIVITIES:

Watch **'The History of the English Language'** (available on YouTube) and/or Stephen Fry's **'Planet Word'** (available on Amazon Prime).

After watching the above, you should create a **timeline** of the **main events** that impacted the **development of the English Language**. You should use **'dual coding'** as you will have done in your GCSE English lessons by using colour and images to help symbolise these important moments. You should aim for **at least five major events**.

WIDER READING:

- *The Cambridge Encyclopaedia of the English Language* by David Crystal. A great resource to dip in and out of for all aspects of the Language course.
- *How Texts Work*, by Adrian Beard. Routledge series.
- *Working with Texts*, by Ron Carter, Angela Goddard, Danuta Reah, Keith Sanger & Maggie Bowring. 2nd Edition.
- *Language and Social Contexts*, by Amanda Coultas. Routledge series. Very helpful introductions to speech, identity, gender, context, formality issues and representation. Student-friendly.
- *Rediscover Grammar*, by David Crystal. Student-friendly, helps to review grammar.
- www.shunsley.eril.net/armoore/contents.htm - Very detailed notes on analysis of spoken and written data.
- *The Myth of Mars and Venus: Do Men and Women Really Speak Different Languages?* By Deborah Cameron. Clear, helpful and often entertaining overview of gender studies. Accessible for most students.
- *You Just Don't Understand: Women and Men in Conversation*, by Deborah Tannen.
- *Language, Society and Power: An Introduction*, by Linda Thomas, Shan Wareing, Ishtla Singh, Jean Stilwell Peccei, Joanna Thornborrow & Jason Jones. Comprehensive. Chapters on politics, media, gender ethnicity and age.

USEFUL ONLINE LINKS:

Have a read of Tony Thorne's blogs, lots of interesting reports on modern language issues: <https://language-and-innovation.com/>

This blog is for students and teachers and has lots of other students sharing resources and discussions about language based issues: <http://englishlangsfx.blogspot.com/>

This blog has some great pre-course information on studying English Language: <https://www.superprof.co.uk/blog/learn-english-language-a-level/>

These are some online talks about interesting language issues from Lancaster University: <http://wp.lancs.ac.uk/speaking-of-variation-in-language/>

This site has been created specifically for Year 11 students transitioning to A Level during lockdown: <https://livingthroughlanguage.wordpress.com/>



PODCASTS:

'The History of English' podcast: This podcast is centered around the English language, but in telling the history of English, Kevin Stroud dives into each and every culture that has influenced the English language.

'The World in Words' This is everything from bilingual education to the globalization of English to Icelandic insults.

'Talk the Talk' Talk the Talk discusses everything from why people love and hate puns to how emojis sometimes perfectly explain certain situations, they've got it covered.

TV AND FILM:

Lots of interesting 30 minute videos on here to watch about different topics we cover: https://www.bbc.co.uk/programmes/topics/Language_acquisition

This documentary series charts the development of language as we know it: https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=K1XQx9pGGd0&list=PLV50112XzmY-9GLZWAuieOp27mZUOfKnj&disable_polymer=true



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