

KS5 English

Super Curriculum

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Welcome to the KS5 English Language Super Curriculum.

Below, you'll discover a variety of activities designed to challenge and extend your learning beyond the classroom curriculum.

Let's look at ways to support your A Level studies.

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Read



- Regular reading of various newspaper articles from a range of political perspectives: Huff Post, The Guardian (left wing) BBC (centre), Daily Mail, The Telegraph/The Spectator (right wing).
- The Conversation.com (regularly has articles about language)
- BBC pigeon news
- EMC E-mag – physical back-copies are in the library, or the archive can be accessed electronically
- 1984 novel by George Orwell
- *Mother Tongue* by Bill Bryson. Found as a pdf here <https://epdf.pub/the-mother-tongue.html>
- The half termly list of language articles put on Google classroom

Listen



- *Word of Mouth* series on Radio 4 available on BBC i Player
- Lexis podcast (specifically for A-level teachers and students – has a range of excellent discussion of language topics)
- Lingthusiasm
- Lexicon Valley podcast
- *Unspeakable* - BBC sounds
- *Deeply Human* (Series 2 - Accents): Investigates why we speak the way we do and the social impact of accents and dialects.
- Seek out a variety of UK and International English accents in songs or on YouTube and note the differences

Watch



- Use MASSOLIT to watch videos about the topic/theory/concept that you are studying
- 'The Birth of the English Language' by Melvin Bragg
- Planet Word with Stephen Fry
- Do I Sound Gay? BBC documentary – warning: explicit content
- Babies (Netflix) Series 1, episode 'First Word'
- The Secret Life of 4 years olds, Channel 4
- TedTalks on various language topics e.g. What Our Language Habits Reveal or Child language development
- Reality TV to observe accents and dialects e.g; Love Island, The Apprentice, Educating Essex etc
- How to Crack the Class Ceiling – Amol Rajan BBC documentary

Do



- Keep a language diary of interesting words/expressions/slang/phonological or intonation features that you hear around you. Include CMC feature trends eg emoji use/abbreviations etc
- Visit the British Library – book onto a tour/talk
- JSTOR - find and relevant articles about diversity, change, CLD topics. Make notes.
- Save or print relevant news articles and make notes on what you have learned and how it links to your studies. File them under language discourses in your folder.
- Follow linguists on X such as Rob Drummond, Susie Dent, Stephen Pinker and EngLangBlog on Bluesky
- Practise AO1 labelling via online quizzes