



Eduqas

A level English Language



The English Language A Level is the study of how we communicate in a variety of different forms and how these communications are impacted by context.

Topics you will study

Year 12:

Component 1A – Spoken Language - This section is based on the study of spoken language and covers a range of situations and genres. It is designed to introduce learners to the ways in which speakers use language and interact in a variety of transcripts such as sports commentaries, chat shows, and domestic conversations.

Component 1B – Standard and Non-Standard English – This section is based on the way we speak and write in different parts of the UK and how our communication is impacted by our surroundings.

Component 2B – English in the 21st Century – This component explores how the English Language has changed with the development of various technologies such as texting, Instagram, and Facebook.

Component 3 – Creative and Critical Writing – This component gives you an opportunity to write for a range of different purposes and genres. You are then given the opportunity to analyse your own language use and intended effects.

Year 13:

Component 1B – Child Language Acquisition – This section explores how children acquire the ability to speak and communicate from the age of 0-5

Component 1B – Language and Power and Situation – This section is based on the ways that language is used to exert power in different scenarios, with exploration of the various linguistic and sociological theories surrounding this.

Component 2B – Language Change Over Time – This section explores the grammatical and spelling features of Early Modern English, followed by the study of how texts have changed from 1500 to the present day.

Component 4 – NEA – This unit is your course work unit. You will investigate an area of English that you are interested in, with a focus on Language and Identity.

Why study this subject?

- You will develop a deeper understanding of why people speak and write as they do
- You will develop the ability to critically evaluate linguistic theories, studies and attitudes
- You will develop your creativity and ability to write critically about your own language use

Why study this subject at Aston?

- 100% pass rate (2024)
- Teaching by English Language and Literature graduates with 13 years' experience of teaching, tutoring and examining
- Smaller class sizes than college, allowing for more personal support

Assessment

Your grade will be based on three exams in the summer of Year 13.

Component 1 – Language Concepts and Issues (30%)

Component 2 – Language Change Over Time (30%)

Component 3 – Creative and Critical Writing (20%)

Component 4 – Language and Identity NEA (20%)

Links particularly well with these subjects

Psychology, Sociology, History, and English Literature

Entry requirements

Grade 5 or above in GCSE English Language and English Literature

Useful for careers in....

English Language is especially helpful for the following careers: Journalism, Law, Teaching, Social work, Marketing, Advertising, Editing, Publishing, Speech and Language Therapy