

GCSE English Language

Course content and overview

The English language course is designed to teach pupils to apply a range of reading and writing skills. The exams will all be on unseen texts so the pupil's ability to apply their skills in a range of situations is essential.

There will also be two oracy units completed. The tasks will be taught in lessons but further preparation at home will be necessary, especially for the Individual presentation.

There is a limited amount of information to memorise for these exams so revision should focus on practice questions and past papers.

Assessment Details

Exam Board: WJEC

Assessment: 3 units

Unit 1:

- Task 1 (10%): Individual Researched Presentation – topic linked to WJEC set themes – June year 10.
- Task 2 (10%): Responding and Interacting group discussion – topic selected by WJEC – January/February year 11.

Unit 2: June, year 11

- **Examination (40%): Reading and Writing: Description, Narration and Exposition. Section A (40 marks) will include a range of reading skills and Section B will test writing skills.**

Recommended

Section A: about 10 minutes reading

about 50 minutes answering the questions

Section B

B1: about 10 minutes

B2: about 10 minutes planning

about 40 minutes writing (1 task)

Unit 3: June, year 11

- **Examination (40%) Reading and Writing: Argumentation, Persuasion and Instructional. Section A (40 marks) will include a range of reading skills and Section B will test writing skills.**

Recommended

Section A:

about 10 minutes reading

about 50 minutes answering the questions

Section B:

about 10 minutes planning

about 25 minutes writing for B1

about 25 minutes writing for B2

Useful Revision Guides, resources and websites

The English Language GCSE specification can be found at: <http://www.wjec.co.uk/qualifications/english/r-english-language-gcse-wales/>

Revision materials can be found at BBC Bitesize: <https://www.bbc.co.uk/education/subjects/zr9d7ty>

Additional revision information is available here: <https://padlet.com/redwardsEFLC/gcse-english-language-wjec-3au40sxp68zer0c>

Supporting Home Learning

- Independent reading is crucial to improve both reading and writing skills.
- Completion of home study and regular revision of teaching notes will enable pupils to embed their knowledge and ensure familiarity with the key skills and different question types.
- Preparation and rehearsal of individual researched presentations will be vital to ensure a confident delivery during assessments.

Progression Routes & Careers

English Language, as a core subject, can be instrumental to pupils when accessing further studies in any subject or career choice. The ability to communicate effectively through oracy and writing is valued everywhere, as is the ability to read a range of text-types. In particular, jobs in the media, teaching, advertising, law, local and national government, marketing and public relations all value this subject as one that develops the skills needed to be successful.

Contact for help: You can speak to any of your English teachers for additional help.

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