



# English Language GCSE

## Examination and Revision Information

Examination Board:	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>AQA GCSE English Language.</li> </ul>
Number of Examination Papers:	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Paper 1: Explorations in creative reading and writing.</li> <li>Paper 2: Writers' viewpoints and perspectives.</li> </ul>
Structure of Examination Papers:	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Paper 1: 1hr 45 minutes. 80 marks. 50% of total grade.</li> <li>Paper 2: 1hr 45 minutes. 80 marks. 50% of total grade.</li> </ul>
Key Information:	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>The GCSE English Language course is a two year, linear curriculum.</li> <li>The qualification is 100% examination based.</li> <li>Spelling, punctuation and grammar (SPAG) is awarded on Paper 1 and Paper 2.</li> <li>Students will also sit a 'Non-exam Assessment': a Speaking and Listening assessment which will be completed in lessons.</li> </ul>
Where could I find past papers and mark schemes?	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li><a href="https://www.aqa.org.uk/subjects/english/gcse/english-language-8700/assessment-resources?f.Sub-category%7CF=Sample+papers+and+mark+schemes">https://www.aqa.org.uk/subjects/english/gcse/english-language-8700/assessment-resources?f.Sub-category%7CF=Sample+papers+and+mark+schemes</a></li> </ul>
What are the best websites to help me revise this subject?	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Paper 1: Explorations in creative reading and writing <i>and</i> Paper 2: Writers' viewpoints and perspectives.</li> <li><a href="https://getrevising.co.uk/resources">https://getrevising.co.uk/resources</a> (apply the GCSE and English filters)</li> <li><a href="https://studywise.co.uk/wp-content/uploads/GCSE%20English%20Language%20Papers%201%20and%202%20Revision%20Guide.pdf">https://studywise.co.uk/wp-content/uploads/GCSE English Language Papers 1 and 2 Revision Guide.pdf</a></li> <li><a href="https://www.bbc.co.uk/bitesize/examspecs/zcbchv4">https://www.bbc.co.uk/bitesize/examspecs/zcbchv4</a></li> </ul>
What are the best ways to revise for this subject?	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>GCSE Pod: This is a fantastic resource to help build on the work you do in class. There are Pods linked to the content of each paper.</li> <li>Books: Revise by using your exercise books. These are your best revision resource.</li> <li>Past Papers: Answer individual questions from past GCSE papers. Make sure you know the question types and timings. Practice makes perfect.</li> <li>Focus lots of attention on Question 5 (which is worth 50% of marks on both papers) and look to your lesson notes on how to construct your ideas for audience and purpose.</li> </ol>

