

**SUBJECT:** English Language

**EXAM BOARD:** AQA



**Course  
Overview  
(Y12)**

**Paper 1 Language, the individual and society**

**How it's assessed**

Written exam: 2 hours 30 minutes

100 marks

40% of A-level

**Questions**

**Section A – Textual variations and representations**

Two texts (one contemporary and one older text) linked by topic or theme.

A question requiring analysis of one text (25 marks)

A question requiring analysis of a second text (25 marks)

A question requiring comparison of the two texts (20 marks)

**Section B – Children's language development**

A discursive essay on children's language development, with a choice of two questions where the data provided will focus on spoken, written or multimodal language (30 marks)

**What's assessed**

Textual variations and representations

Children's language development (0 – 11 years)

Methods of linguistic analysis are integrated into the activities

**Paper 2 Language diversity and change**

**How it's assessed**

Written exam: 2 hours 30 minutes

100 marks

40% of A-level

**Questions**

**Section A – Diversity and change**

One question from a choice of two, either:

an evaluative essay on language diversity (30 marks)

Or an evaluative essay on language change (30 marks)

**Section B – Language discourses**

Two texts about a topic linked to the study of diversity and change.

A question requiring comparative analysis of how the two texts use language to present ideas, attitudes and opinions (40 marks)

A directed writing task linked to the same topic and the ideas in the texts (30 marks)

**What's assessed**

Language diversity and change

Language discourses

Writing skills for different purposes and audiences

Methods of language analysis are integrated into the activities

**Non-Exam Assessment**

	<p><b>How it's assessed</b></p> <p>3500 word investigation into aspects of Language study and a piece of original writing (with commentary)</p> <p>100 marks</p> <p>20% of A-level</p> <p>Assessed by teachers</p> <p>Moderated by AQA</p>
<p><b>Useful websites</b></p>	<p><a href="http://www.english.org.uk/user/login">http://www.english.org.uk/user/login</a> Register yourself, for free, in order to test your knowledge of linguistic terminology</p> <p><a href="http://www.universalteacher.org.uk/contents.htm#langa">http://www.universalteacher.org.uk/contents.htm#langa</a> An introduction to linguistic study.</p> <p><a href="http://englishlangsfx.blogspot.co.uk/">http://englishlangsfx.blogspot.co.uk/</a> A wide range of up to date articles, video, and comments on language in use.</p> <p><a href="http://research.ncl.ac.uk/dectc/toon/">http://research.ncl.ac.uk/dectc/toon/</a> Links to examples of accent and dialect of the North East in use and over time.</p> <p><a href="http://www.bbc.co.uk/voices/">http://www.bbc.co.uk/voices/</a> Explore regional accents and dialects from across the British Isles.</p> <p><a href="http://www.bl.uk/learning/langlit/">http://www.bl.uk/learning/langlit/</a> Explore the evolution of the English Language.</p> <p><a href="http://www.aqa.org.uk">www.aqa.org.uk</a></p> <p><a href="https://podcasts.apple.com/us/podcast/lexis/id1517687490">https://podcasts.apple.com/us/podcast/lexis/id1517687490</a> Lexis podcast</p>
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