

GCSE English Language



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	Section A	Section B
Paper One 1 hour 45 minutes 50% 80 marks	Reading Fiction Answering four questions based on an unseen extract from a fiction text. 1 hour (including 15 mins reading time)	Creative writing Choice of two questions: one descriptive and one narrative writing. Students complete one. 45 minutes 40 marks
Paper Two 1 hour 45 minutes 50% 80 marks	Reading Non-Fiction Answering four questions based on an unseen extract from a fiction text. 1 hour (including 15 mins reading time)	Writing for audience and purpose One question: students will be given a viewpoint and asked to complete non-fiction writing task in response. 45 minutes 40 marks

Please note: we encourage our students to complete section B first on both papers as this is the question worth the most marks and students often find the writing task more accessible to start with.

- All students are set one hour of homework each week for this subject and should prioritise completing this.
- Below are a range of revision tasks students should complete using the resources listed which they have at their disposal. Student should aim to complete at least one task a week and have completed most of the revision tasks on the table before their summer exam.
- The **November mock exam is Paper Two only** and so students should prioritise revision for this exam only.

ENGLISH LANGUAGE PAPER ONE			
Revision Resource		Revision activity	
Section A	GCSE English Language Paper ONE Checklist		Create flashcards for each of the four questions in section A to help revise and remember what skill is tested, marks, minutes to spend on each, and any other key information. Students should test themselves weekly using the flashcards.
			Watch the short videos on the checklist. Create a mind map or make notes as you watch.
			Complete the practice tasks on the checklist that refer to questions 1-4 – students will need to refer to their revision guides for this.
	Mini mock booklet OR past papers from AQA website		The best revision for this paper is practice, complete a full practice paper and hand to your teacher for feedback.
		Reading fiction texts is also really good practice for this paper. When you are reading, consider how the writer has used language and structure to shape meaning and impact the reader.	
Section B	GCSE English Language Paper ONE Checklist		Create a mind map of descriptive writing techniques and key phrases/vocabulary to use.
			Watch the videos and complete the tasks on the checklist that refer to question 5 – students will need to refer to their revision guides for this.
	Descriptive writing task sheet OR past papers from AQA website		Make a detailed plan for each question task. Show this to your teacher for feedback.
			Write a response to a question aim to complete it in 45 minutes. Use your planning to support you. Hand in to you teacher for feedback.



PAPER TWO			
	Revision Resource	Revision activity	
Section A	GCSE English Language Paper TWO Checklist		Create flashcards for each of the four questions in section A to help revise and remember what skill is tested, marks, minutes to spend on each, and any other key information. Students should test themselves weekly using the flashcards.
			Watch the short videos on the checklist. Create a mind map or make notes as you watch.
			Complete the practice tasks on the checklist that refer to questions 1-4 – students will need to refer to their revision guides for this.
	Mini mock booklet OR past papers from AQA website		The best revision for this paper is practice, complete a full practice paper and hand to your teacher for feedback.
Section B	GCSE English Language Paper TWO Checklist		Create a mind map of descriptive writing techniques and key phrases/vocabulary to use.
			Watch the videos and complete the tasks on the checklist that refer to question 5 – students will need to refer to their revision guides for this.
	Paper Two past questions sheet		Make a detailed plan for each question task. Show this to your teacher for feedback.
			Write a response to a question; aim to complete it in 45 minutes. Use your planning to support you. Hand in to you teacher for feedback.
			Improving your non-fiction knowledge is really important for success in this paper, the writing task is always related to current affairs. Read news articles and watch documentaries, consider how used language is used to shape meaning for the reader/audience.