



English Language A Level

Key Stage 5

Name of Exam Board

AQA

Link to specification

<http://www.aqa.org.uk/subjects/english/as-and-a-level/english-language-7701-7702/specification-at-a-glance>

Paper 1

Paper 1: Language, the Individual and Society
Assessed written exam: 2 hours 30 minutes;
100 marks; 40% of A-level
What's assessed?
Textual variations and representations
Children's language development (0-11 years)
Methods of language analysis are integrated into the activities
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)

Paper 2

Paper 2: Language Diversity and Change
Assessed written exam: 2 hours 30 minutes; 100 marks; 40% of A-level
What's assessed?
Language diversity and change
Language discourses
Writing skills
Methods of language analysis are integrated into the activities
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 analysis of how the 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)





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Non-Exam Assessment:
Language in Action

Non-exam assessment: Language in Action
Assessed by teachers and moderated by AQA;
100 marks; 20% of A-level

What's assessed?

Language Investigation
Original Writing
Methods of language analysis are integrated
into the activities

Students produce:
a language investigation (2,000 words exclud-
ing data)
a piece of original writing and commentary
(1,500 words total)

Ways in which Parents
can Support their Chil-
dren

Check they have completed their homework us-
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- Exam Preparation: AQA student pages for A Level
- Wider reading of fiction and non-fiction
- Keeping up-to-date with current affairs and discussing them at home
- Basic literacy corrected in ALL writing.

