

REVISE ENGLISH AND SUCCEED

How can you revise for English Language and Literature?

Knowledge about your English GCSEs

- Every student will be sitting four exams:
 - English Language: 2 papers
 - English Literature: 2 papers
- Every student sits the same exam papers no tiered exams.



Language Paper 1	Language Paper 2	Literature Paper 1	Literature paper 2
Section A: ReadingOne literature fiction text4 questions	 Section A: Reading One non-fiction text and one literary non-fiction text 4 questions 	 19th Century novel 'A Christmas Carol' by Charles Dickens 1 extract essay question 	 Shakespeare 'Romeo and Juliet' 1 extract essay question
 Section B: Writing Descriptive or narrative writing 1 extended writing question 	 Section B: Writing Writing to present a viewpoint (letters, articles, speeches) 1 extended writing question 	 Modern prose/drama 'Animal Farm' by George Orwell OR 'Pigeon English' by Stephen Kelman 1 essay question 	 Unseen Poetry 1 extended essay on Poem 1. 1 short comparison of Poem 1 and Poem 2.

Revision Strategies

- Read and re-read the literature texts
- Practice past papers by writing in timed conditions without any electronic distractions – full answers.
- Create short summary flashcards theme/character
- Memorising core quotations (aim at 15-20 in total)
- Teach/talk to someone about the texts you are studying.
- Read regularly fiction and non-fiction (newspaper articles, opinion pieces...). Try newspaper websites for The Guardian, The Independent and Huffington Post.
- Learn language and structural techniques to look for in both the texts you've studied and unseen texts.
- Practise writing descriptively, using a range of language and structural techniques in your writing.





Revision guides...

All available from Amazon and the CGP revision guide website

https://www.cgpbooks.co.uk/secondary-books/gcse/english

English Language

- CGP AQA English Language
- For the Grade 9-1 course (the most up-to-date version)

English Literature

- CGP Text Guide
- Grade 9-1 Course (the most up-to-date versions)
- 'A Christmas Carol' and 'Romeo and Juliet' all students
- 'Animal Farm' **OR** 'Pigeon English' check with your child





Search

Useful YouTube resources for LITERATURE

• Mr Bruff

- An excellent resource for helping you to improve your analysis of '*Romeo and Juliet'* and '*Animal Farm'*.
- Check out his videos on character analysis, key symbols and chapter/scene-by-scene analysis.
- <u>There are also playlists which focus specifically on the AQA</u> <u>exam papers with exemplar full marks answers.</u>
- <u>https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCM2vdqz-</u> <u>7e4HAuzhpFuRY8w</u>



Mr Bruff 270K subscribers

Modern Prose or Drama: Choose Your Text



'An Inspector Calls' by J.B Priestley Mr Bruff VIEW FULL PLAYLIST

'Lord of the Flies' by William Golding Mr Bruff VIEW FULL PLAYLIST



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Useful YouTube resources for LANGUAGE



The English Teacher

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- Very useful for **fiction and non-fiction writing** tips!
- Select the 'GCSE English Language' playlist
- Videos are 5-15 minutes long
- Not as jazzy as Mr Bruff and some videos are quite old but the Language playlist is still VERY relevant so don't be put off!
- <u>https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCEp3SR3KaDzg8jSe12tGnCg</u>

BBC Bitesize GCSE English Language

- <u>https://www.bbc.co.uk/bitesize/su</u> <u>bjects/zr9d7ty</u>
- Search: AQA
- Supports the reading and writing skills required for Language Paper 1 and Language Paper 2

• Video resources and quizzes



Benefits

 ✓ Time efficient: can break down into small chunks (characters, themes, symbols...)

✓ Consolidates your learning in class

 Extends learning from class and helps you to think more deeply about the texts

 ✓ Sharpens the skills required for both GCSE Language and Literature

