



Ysgol Gymunedol Llangatwg  
Llangatwg Community School

# GCSE English Language

# Overview

There have been several changes to GCSE English Language and GCSE English Literature from September 2015.

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SPECIFICATION

Teaching from 2015  
For award from 2017

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SPECIMEN ASSESSMENT  
MATERIALS

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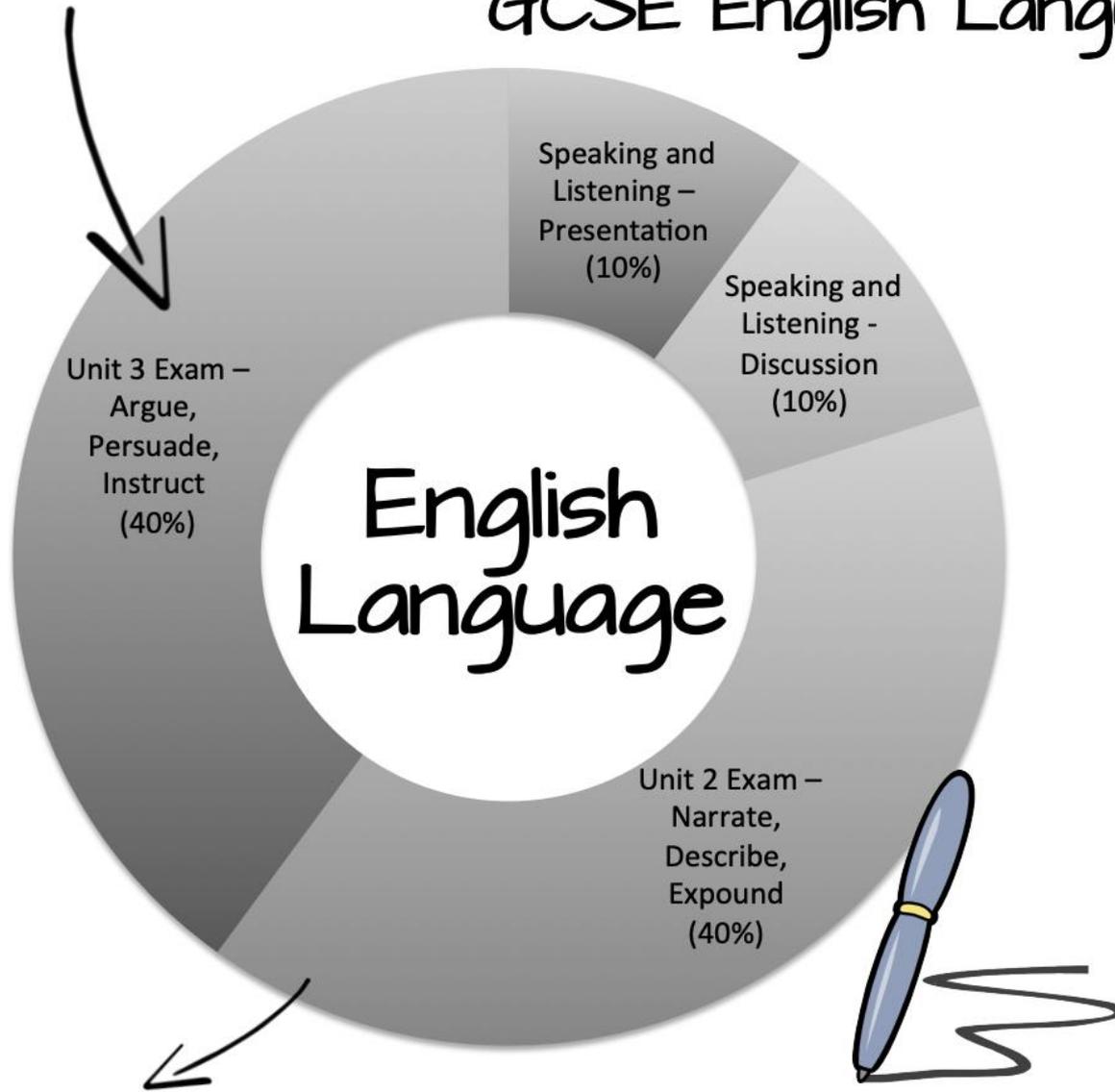
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# Overview

- All exams are linear
- All exams are un-tiered
- There are two, two hour exams
- There is no written coursework element

# GCSE English Language



Track your progress here:

Unit 2 Exam	
Unit 3 Exam	
Speaking and Listening - Presenting	
Speaking and Listening - Discussing	

Grade	A*	A	B	C	D	E	F	G	U
Mark	20 - 18	17 - 16	15 - 14	13 - 12	11 - 10	9 - 8	7 - 6	5 - 4	3 - 0

# Coursework

There is **no written coursework** element of the qualification.

Unit 1 comprises two pieces of speaking and listening coursework:

- Individual research presentation
- Group discussion

The first exam is called Unit 2. Its focus is *narrate, describe, expound*.

- ***Reading section***
  - Series of short texts, [1] to [10] mark questions
- ***Editing & Proofreading tasks***
  - Series of short exercises
- ***Writing section***
  - Either a narrative/descriptive tasks or an expository essay

Unit 3 is the second exam. Its focus is ***argue, persuade, instruct.***

- ***Reading section***
  - Series of short texts, [1] to [10] mark questions
- ***Writing section***
  - Two responses, from either argue, persuade or instruct

**Miss  
Thomas**

**Ms  
Edmunds**

**Miss  
Greener**

**Mrs  
Heale**

**Mr  
Rees**

**Mrs  
Arnold**

**GCSE English Language**

**Unit 1  
(Individual  
Presentation)**

Completed September 2022

**Unit 1  
(Group  
Discussion)**

December 2022

**Unit 2  
(Exam 1)**

Monday, 5<sup>th</sup> June 2023

**Unit 3  
(Exam 2)**

Monday, 12<sup>th</sup> June 2023

**GCSE English Literature**

**Entry Level  
English**

**Full  
Course**

Completed Summer 2022

**Completed  
Summer  
2022**

# Question Examples

## TEXT A

**A1.** What does the term “outdoor recreation” mean?

[1]

Any physical activity that takes place  
in the natural environment.

# Question Examples

**A2.** Which **one** of the following activities would NOT be included in the definition of “outdoor participation”? **Tick (✓) the correct box.** [1]

canoeing

golf

snowboarding

artificial skiing

# Question Examples

**A3.** What do you think is meant by “green space” environments and “concrete” environments? [2]

Green space environments are in the countryside  
and concrete environments are in the town/city.

# Question Examples

**A14.** Read the sentences below and then answer the questions that follow:

Billie always (a) with determination. Good preparation was (b) to any sporting event.

(a) Circle the word below that best fits gap (a):

trained

worked

thought

showed

[1]

(b) Circle the word below that best fits gap (b):

inevitable

essential

predictable

unimportant

[1]

# Question Examples

**A15.** Circle the pair of words that best fit the meaning of the sentence below:

[1]

Caroline felt ..... for Joseph's obvious loneliness, but that did not mean she was  
keen to sacrifice her own ..... to take care of him.

empathy – money

horror – house

sympathy – independence

upset – children

happy – potential

# Question Examples

Outdoor Adventures	
<b>Booking Form</b>	
Contact Information	
Full Name	
Address	
Date of Birth	
Email	
Phone	
Emergency Contact (please include name and telephone number)	
Medical Conditions	
Activities Offered	
Full Day Activities Instruction and equipment hire is charged at a rate of £25 per day. This is based on groups of 10-12 students. Smaller groups will be subject to additional fees.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• caving</li><li>• rock climbing &amp; abseiling</li><li>• kayaking</li><li>• gorge walking</li></ul>

# Support

- Speak with your English teacher or Curriculum Leader
- Additional English sessions on Tuesdays and Thursdays
- Additional English sessions before exams, during holidays and weekends
- Caveat: WJEC textbooks vary in terms of usefulness

# What can I do?

- Contact your child's English teacher or Curriculum Leader
- Discuss and consolidate learning from lessons
- Encourage reading

'pound for pound'  
'tangled up'  
'adventure capital'

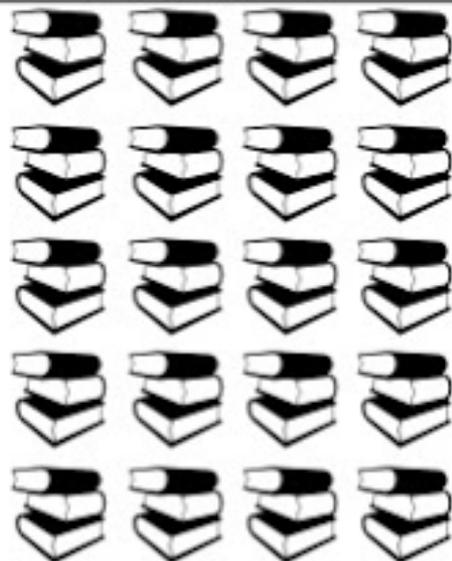
# WHY READ 20 MINUTES AT HOME?

❖ Student A reads an average of 20 minutes per day.

❖ 3,600 minutes per school year.

❖ 1,800,000 words per year.

❖ Scores in the 90<sup>th</sup> percentile on standardized tests.

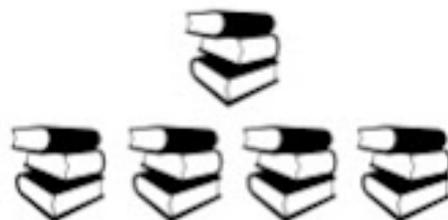


❖ Student B reads an average of 5 minutes per day.

❖ 900 minutes per school year.

❖ 282,000 words per year.

❖ Scores in the 50<sup>th</sup> percentile on standardized tests.



❖ Student C reads an average of 1 minute per day

❖ 180 minutes per school year

❖ 8,000 words per year.

❖ Scores in the 10<sup>th</sup> percentile on standardized tests.



If they start reading for 20 minutes per night in Kindergarten, by the end of 6<sup>th</sup> grade, Student A will have read for the equivalent of 60 school days, Student B will have read for 12 schooldays, and Student C will have read for 3.

**WANT TO BE A BETTER READER? SIMPLY READ.**

# Get in touch

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