

Year 12 English Language Paper 2 Checklist 2025

Subject: A Level English Language	Paper 2: Language Diversity and Language Change	Duration Length of paper: 2 hours 30 minutes Q1 OR Q2: 45 mins Q3: 15 mins reading, 45 mins writing Q4: 45 mins
What to revise	How to revise it	
Key Language Topics to revise	Revision books: The Ultimate Revision Guide for AQA English Language (Tom Hollins) AQA A Level English Language: Student Book (blue and black books) Revision Resources: Massolit lectures for all topics here: Language Diversity and Change - English Language Microsoft Teams power points Notes from lessons Mini mock assessments Practice essays Theorist summary grids and booklets Homework revision resources Watch this video on how to make an effective mind map: https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Y1HJMugAPY	
1	Language and gender Subtopics: Ways of speaking, attitudes to and prejudice against gendered language, sexism, power, speech deviance and vocal fry. e.g. Q1 - Evaluate the idea that language is androcentric and outdated Evaluate the idea that women's language is more complex than men's language Q4 – Write an opinion article about androcentric phrases used in the English Language. Suggested Revision Tasks: 1) Watch and make notes on the following videos: https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=EEFpHSxNlig https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=nPmek4sQtms https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=SxJ8VNY-Zik https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=nL7hMHCUjZ0 (from 1:20) https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=MAceGZiM-P8 https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=46ehrFk-gLk 2) Use the subtopics to plan 3 essay responses. 3) Look, cover, write, check 7 theorists or studies including dates, details and evaluation. 4) Divide theorists into groups who believe the following: - Men's language is more powerful - Gender is a key part of our identity - Gender is the most important factor effecting our speech	

2	Language and Occupation	<p>Subtopics: Language and Power, politeness strategies, effective communication, specialised lexis, phatic talk.</p> <p>e.g. Q1 - Evaluate the idea that people abuse their power in the workplace through language use. Evaluate the idea that power is determined by language choices Q4 – Write an opinion article about the impact of politeness strategies in the workplace.</p> <p>Suggested Revision Tasks: Watch and make notes on the following: https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=ic6qSiTSTXQ</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1) Use the subtopics to plan 3 essay responses. 2) Look, cover, write, check 7 theorists or studies including dates, details and evaluation. 3) List 5 occupations and list the following for each: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Function - Specialist lexis - Hierarchy and Power roles 4) Plan an essay that focuses on power in the workplace.
3	Language and region (accent and dialect)	<p>Subtopics: Accentism and prejudice, MLE, migration, social class, standard English, dialect levelling, Americanisms, World Englishes, ethnicity.</p> <p>e.g. Q1 - Evaluate the idea that the English Language is becoming more similar. Evaluate the idea that some accents and dialects are viewed more favourably than others Q4 – Write an opinion article about the use of RP.</p> <p>Suggested Revision Tasks: 1) Watch and make notes on the following: MASSOLIT - Accent and Dialect: Introduction and Overview Video lecture by Dr Chris Montgomery, Sheffield University https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=lvWfuJVqHWc https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=od1rqcE61_Q</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 2) Use the subtopics to plan 3 essay responses. 3) Look, cover, write, check 7 theorists or studies including dates, details and evaluation. 4) Create a midmap on ‘evolving accents and dialects’ focusing on MLE, pidgins, creoles and ethnicity. 5) Look at the ComRes study (or a similar study) and memorise the most and least popular accents in each category (intelligence, friendliness, trustworthiness) etc.
4	<p>Q1, Q3 and Q4 Writing styles</p> <p>Q1/Q2 (45 mins): Evaluate the view that... (Language Change and one other Diversity topic)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Choose ONE question to answer 	<p>Resources to use: Pp145-228 of Marcello Giovalleni - Black A level English Language revision guide (if you have it) Practice papers from mini mock booklets Class notes and feedback Mark schemes and past papers here: AQA Paper 2 English Language Past Papers - Physics & Maths Tutor</p>

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Theorists evaluated - Professional essay style <p>Q3 (1 hour): Analyse how language is used in Text A and Text B to present views about...</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Comparative answer - Read and annotate 2 texts - Analyse for meaning and evaluate for effectiveness <p>Q4 (45 mins): Write an opinion article about...(linked to Q3 articles and topic)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - State intended audience and publication - Professional but understandable - Language and structure features 	<p>Suggested Revision tasks:</p> <p>1) Watch and make notes on this: https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=XVDLQJL9QIU https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=4WZwEPuEuAs</p> <p>2) Go back through all past papers (using link above) and list the topics that have come up (plan / write the 'worst ones')</p> <p>3) Make a 'tick list' of what needs to be included in each question</p> <p>4) Write a 'dummies guide' to structuring each question</p> <p>5) Make a 'Grade A list' of features for each question.</p> <p>6) MOST IMPORTANTLY – answer each question in full! At this stage, completing past papers is the <u>best form of revision</u>.</p>
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