

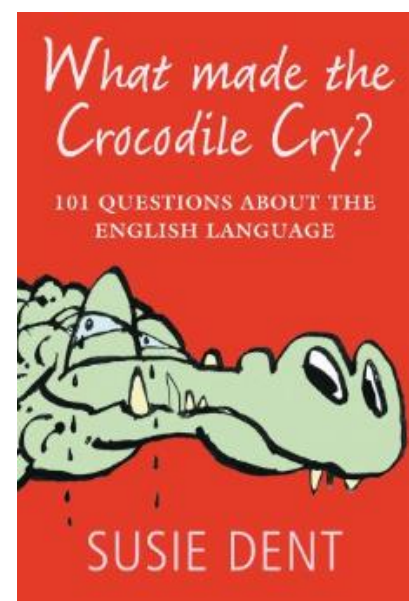
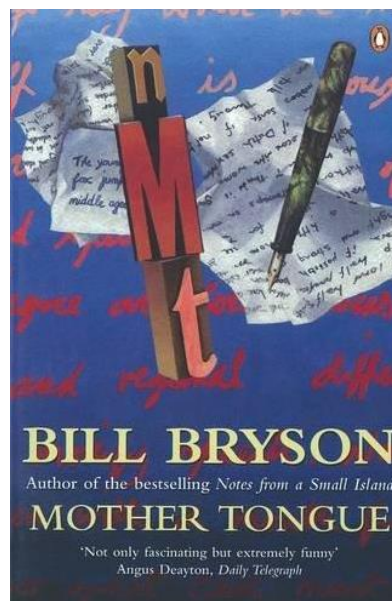
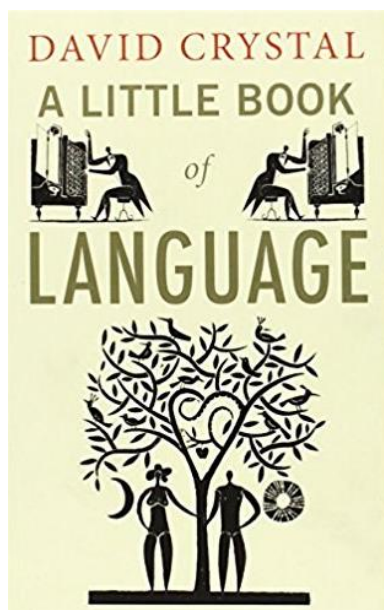
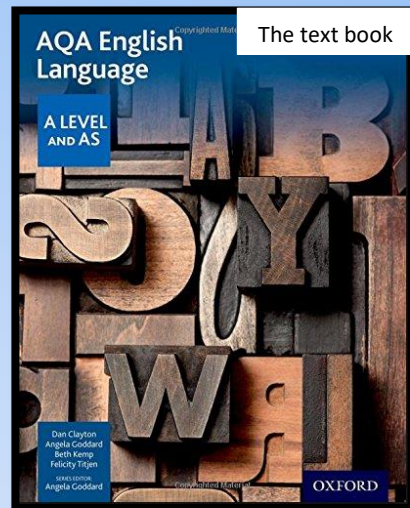
A level

English Language

Summer work for Year 11


We study the AQA A level course for English Language. In order to access the course you will need to know some linguistic terminology. In this pack there is a key word list – some of these terms you should be familiar with and some you may need to look up.

Another thing you need to know is about different attitudes people have towards language issues. Included are some articles for you to read and make notes. You could do some of your own additional research or wider reading too. Below are some suggestions for books you might enjoy.



Task 1: Key terms

Complete the grid with a definition and example.
Colour code to show how well you know the term.

Key term	Definition	Example	Traffic light 
Abstract noun			
Accent			
Acronym			
Adjective			
adverb			
antonym			
Complex sentence			
Compound sentence			
Concrete noun			
Conjunction			
Declarative			
Dialect			
Double negative			
Figurative language			
First person			
Future tense			
Genre			
Imperative			
Jargon			

Main clause			
Mode			
Monosyllabic			
Noun phrase			
Past tense			
Polysyllabic			
Prefix			
Preposition			
Present tense			
Pronoun			
Proper noun			
Register			
Second person			
Semantic field			
Simple sentence			
Standard English			
Subordinate clause			
Suffix			
superlative			
Synonym			
Third person			
Verb			
Verb phrase			

Task 2: Wider reading

Choose at least one of the topics to research below – you can of course do more than one if you wish!

Read an article / watch a video on the links below. Make some notes on what you learn about these language 'issues' and people's attitudes towards them. What examples of language do they include? What do they say about them? You can also do your own wider reading into the topic and look up other articles about English language – how it is used, how it is changing and how people feel about it.

Present what you've found creatively – either as a powerpoint presentation, a leaflet or a scrapbook of ideas and research.

1. 'What does your accent say about you?'

<http://www.bbc.com/future/story/20180307-what-does-your-accent-say-about-you>

2. TED Talk: 'Texting is killing language...JK!'

https://www.ted.com/talks/john_mcwhorter_txtng_is_killing_language_jk

3. 'How Americanisms are killing the English language'

<http://www.bbc.com/culture/story/20170904-how-americanisms-are-killing-the-english-language>

4. 'Do women really talk more than men?'

<https://www.psychologytoday.com/us/blog/marriage-equals/201910/do-women-really-talk-more-men>

5. 'Women and words: why language matters.'

[BBC Radio 4 - Radio 4 in Four - Women and words: why language matters](#)