

Reading List for A level English Language

* these books are aimed specifically at A level students. Parts of them may be familiar to you as your teacher may have used parts by your teacher

General books/information about language

David Crystal *A Little Book of Language*

David Crystal *Rediscover Grammar*

David Crystal *How Language Works*

Victoria Fromkin Robert Rodman and Nina Hyams *An Introduction to Language*

*Rudman, Giovanelli, et al *A/AS Level English Language for AQA Student book*

*Beth Kemp, Angela Goddard et al *AQA English Language: A Level and AS*

*Angie Kolaric and Dan Clayton *Revise AQA English Language Workbook*

Sarah Thorne *Mastering Advanced English Language*

David Shariatmadari *Don't believe a Word: the surprising truth about language*

Angela Goddard *Doing English Language: A Guide for Success*

*Ian Cushing *Text Analysis and Representation*

P. H. Matthews *Linguistics: A very short Introduction*

<http://englishlangsfx.blogspot.com/>

<https://www.lancaster.ac.uk/linguistics/>

Word of Mouth radio programme on BBC iplayer <https://www.bbc.co.uk/programmes/b006qtnz>

Child Language Acquisition

David Crystal *Listen to your Child*

Rudman and Titjen *Language Development*

Matthew Saxton *Child Language: Acquisition and Development*

Language Change

Bill Bryson *The Mother Tongue*

David Crystal *The Stories of English*

*Ian Cushing *Language Change*

Henry Hitchings *The Language Wars: A History of Proper English*

Gretchen McCulloch *Because Internet: Understanding how language is changing*

Dennis Baron *A better pencil: readers, writers and the digital revolution*

Lynne Truss *Eats, Shoots and Leaves*

Jean Aitchison *Language change: progress of decay?*

Language Diversity

Deborah Cameron *The Myth of Mars and Venus*

Deborah Tannen *You Just Don't Understand*

Men, Women and Language by Jennifer Coates

*Felicity Titjen *Language and Gender*

*Gary Ives and Raj Rana *Language and Power*

*Rob Drummond and Dan Clayton *Language Diversity and World Englishes*

Abby Kaplan *Women Talk More than Men, and other myths about language*

Susie Dent *Dent's Modern Tribes: The Secret Languages of Britain*

Deborah Cameron *Language and Sexuality*

Deborah Cameron *Verbal Hygiene*

Mary Talbot *Language and Gender*

Jennifer Jenkins *Global Englishes: A Resource book for students*

Paul Simpson, Andrea Mayr et al *Language and Power: A Resource book for students*

Betsy Evans and Annabelle Mooney *Language, Society and Power: An introduction*

Norman Fairclough *Language and Power*

*Dan Clayton *Attitudes to Language*

And just for fun!

John Olsson *Wordcrime: Solving Crime through Forensic Linguistics*

Philip Seargeant *The Emoji Revolution: How Technology is shaping the future of communication*

Lane Greene *Talk on the Wild Side: Why language won't do as it's told*

Susie Dent *Word Perfect: Etymological entertainment every day*

Simon Prentis *Speech! How Language made us human*

Paul Anthony-Jones *The Cabinet of Linguistic Curiosities: A Yearbook of Forgotten words*

Guy Deutscher *Through the Looking Glass: why the world looks different in other languages*

Albert Costa *The Bilingual Brain: And what it tells us about the science of language*

Articles about linguistics

Representation

<https://theconversation.com/the-power-of-language-we-translate-our-thoughts-into-words-but-words-also-affect-the-way-we-think-111801>

<https://theconversation.com/why-some-words-hurt-some-people-and-not-others-152159>

<https://theconversation.com/how-karen-went-from-a-popular-baby-name-to-a-stand-in-for-white-entitlement-139644>

<https://theconversation.com/like-isnt-a-lazy-linguistic-filler-the-english-language-snobs-need-to-like-pipe-down-122056>

<https://theconversation.com/swearing-attempts-to-ban-it-are-a-waste-of-time-wherever-there-is-language-people-cuss-121937>

<https://www.bbc.co.uk/programmes/b08k1stz>

<https://www.theguardian.com/commentisfree/2020/jun/10/language-is-part-of-the-machinery-of-oppression-just-look-at-how-black-deaths-are-described>

Diversity topics

<https://theconversation.com/why-were-searching-england-for-new-dialects-181897>

<https://theconversation.com/what-makes-us-subconsciously-mimic-the-accents-of-others-in-conversation-181771>

<https://theconversation.com/ask-or-aks-how-linguistic-prejudice-perpetuates-inequality-175839>

<https://theconversation.com/shrill-bossy-emotional-why-language-matters-in-the-gender-debate-158310>

<https://theconversation.com/it-dont-be-like-that-now-the-english-history-of-african-american-english-129611>

<https://theconversation.com/if-your-teenagers-vocal-fry-bothers-you-you-may-be-behind-the-times-111721>

<https://theconversation.com/love-island-audience-reaction-shows-deep-snobbery-about-accents-98418>

<https://www.bbc.co.uk/news/uk-england-london-58040793>

<https://www.bbc.co.uk/news/uk-england-humber-23620972>

<https://www.bbc.co.uk/news/av/uk-21361324>

<https://www.bbc.co.uk/news/uk-england-kent-14945593>

<https://www.bbc.co.uk/news/uk-england-cambridgeshire-36388364>

<https://www.bbc.co.uk/news/uk-england-birmingham-53785502>

<https://www.theguardian.com/science/2022/jun/14/wagwan-why-are-more-and-more-britons-speaking-multicultural-london-english>

<https://www.theguardian.com/uk-news/2022/apr/29/tsing-out-the-many-dialects-of-yorkshire>

<https://www.theguardian.com/science/2022/may/15/why-do-people-like-say-like-so-much-in-praise-of-an-underappreciated-word>

<https://www.theguardian.com/world/2022/feb/02/new-gender-neutral-pronoun-norwegian-dictionaries-hen-official-language>

<https://www.theguardian.com/commentisfree/2021/oct/14/language-society-trans-people-tolerance-debate-words>

<https://www.theguardian.com/world/2021/jan/22/antigen-or-antibody-uk-adults-confused-by-covid-terminology>

<https://www.theguardian.com/books/2020/nov/07/oxford-university-press-updates-definitions-word-woman>

Global Englishes

<https://theconversation.com/with-more-tokelauan-speakers-in-new-zealand-than-in-tokelau-it-remains-a-unique-but-endangered-language-169536>

<https://theconversation.com/indigenous-languages-matter-but-all-is-not-lost-when-they-change-or-even-disappear-127519>

<https://www.theguardian.com/world/2022/feb/25/how-to-pronounce-and-spell-kyiv-kiev-ukraine-and-why-it-matters>

<https://www.theguardian.com/world/2021/jan/31/the-greeks-had-a-word-for-it-until-now-as-language-is-deluged-by-english-terms>

Language Change

<https://theconversation.com/five-ways-the-internet-era-has-changed-british-english-new-research-172432>

<https://www.bbc.co.uk/sport/formula1/61962839>

<https://www.bbc.co.uk/news/av/uk-england-lincolnshire-23698034>

<https://www.bbc.co.uk/news/uk-scotland-highlands-islands-19802616>

<https://www.bbc.co.uk/news/uk-england-birmingham-24941692>

<https://www.theguardian.com/science/2022/jun/15/bare-reasons-to-believe-in-a-bright-future-for-the-english-language>

<https://www.theguardian.com/world/2022/may/31/france-bans-english-gaming-tech-jargon-in-push-to-preserve-language-purity>

<https://www.theguardian.com/books/2022/jan/10/insurrection-named-the-american-dialect-societys-word-of-2021>

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<https://theconversation.com/mispronunciation-why-you-should-stop-correcting-peoples-mistakes-163308>

<https://theconversation.com/how-covid-19-is-changing-the-english-language-146171>

<https://theconversation.com/for-linguists-it-was-the-decade-of-the-pronoun-128606>

<https://theconversation.com/apostrophes-linguistics-expert-imagines-a-happier-world-without-them-128363>

<https://theconversation.com/in-defence-of-grammar-pedantry-78670>

<https://www.theguardian.com/commentisfree/2021/dec/28/punctuation-complicated-full-stop-culture-war>

<https://www.theguardian.com/education/2021/sep/30/oh-my-days-linguists-lament-slang-ban-in-london-school>

<https://www.theguardian.com/uk-news/2021/aug/20/bloody-loses-its-place-atop-swearing-lexicon-as-british-use-of-expletives-falls>

<https://www.theguardian.com/world/2020/nov/30/us-dictionary-companies-declare-same-word-of-the-year-for-first-time-pandemic>

<https://www.theguardian.com/technology/2020/sep/13/why-you-shouldnt-get-salty-if-your-child-speaks-youtube-influencers-us-slang>

<https://www.theguardian.com/commentisfree/2020/apr/15/from-covidiot-to-doomscrolling-how-coronavirus-is-changing-our-language>

Child Language

<https://theconversation.com/children-start-trying-to-make-us-laugh-from-a-surprisingly-young-age-164737>

<https://theconversation.com/how-a-childs-first-language-includes-more-than-words-132232>