

GCSE English Language Topic Focus Courses

The Topic Focus menu offers a range of one-day options designed to address specific elements of GCSE English Language courses. Each option takes learners through the skills required to address the needs of individual questions. They embark on a range of written and kinaesthetic activities supporting these skills, keeping assessment objectives firmly in mind, and practise examination-style responses.

AQA

Option A Paper 1 Questions 1-3 (reading fiction)

- Information retrieval, inference, paraphrasing.
- Using language to create effects at word and sentence level: individual words and phrases, punctuation, figurative devices, sentence lengths and structures.
- How whole texts are structured at paragraph level.

Option B Paper 1 Question 4 (reading fiction)

- Evaluation, presenting an opinion, personal judgement, use of external and embedded quotation.
- Understanding what writers are seeking to achieve, evaluating effectiveness, selection of relevant evidence.
- Academic terminology.

Option C Paper 2 Questions 1-3 (reading non-fiction)

- Fact/opinion - true/false. Working at speed – highlighting relevant information.
- Reading between the lines, synthesis of both explicit and implicit ideas, making comparisons.

- Using language to create effects at word and sentence level.
- How whole texts are structured at paragraph level, explaining the effect on a reader.

Option D Paper 2 Question 4 (reading non-fiction)

- Recognition and understanding of attitudes, perspectives, points of view.
- Language, structure and forms used to convey attitudes and perspectives.
- Comparison and contrast.
- Academic terminology.

Option E Papers 1 and 2 Question 5 (writing: fiction and non-fiction)

- Using punctuation and grammar to create effects and enhance meaning.
- Writing for an audience and in a particular form.
- Technique checklists - devices to employ to impress the examiner.
- Planning and preparation.
- Subverting the task - impressing the examiner.

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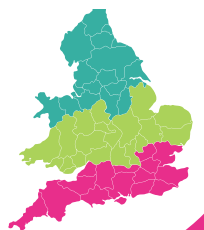
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