

A Level English Language



WATCH this video on An Introduction to Child Language Acquisition.

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=u49uLLCUIEk>



READ this article about Tottenham Hotspur's protests about the OED's definition of the Y-word. "The point of dictionaries is to describe how language is used, not to police it" (*The Guardian*)

<https://www.theguardian.com/commentisfree/2020/feb/17/dictionaries-language-tottenham-hotspur-oed-y-word-definition>



LISTEN to this podcast which provides a fascinating exploration into how spoken and written language gives criminals away and helps to solve crimes. This podcast is part of a wider series called 'Word of Mouth' by Michael Rosen, and there are lots of other episodes available if you like this one.

<https://www.bbc.co.uk/sounds/play/m00027n6>



READ this article about punctuation. 'Making a Point: The Pernickety Story of English Punctuation review – hissy fits about apostrophes' (*The Guardian*)

<https://www.theguardian.com/books/2015/sep/17/making-a-point-pernickety-story-english-punctuation-david-crystal-review>



CREATE a glossary of language terminology you already know. Ensure that you use a format which allows you to add to it as you progress through the A Level course



WATCH these TED talks on how language changes over time. This is a key topic at A Level.

https://www.ted.com/playlists/228/how_language_changes_over_time



WATCH this video on Language and Gender. 'Gendered Linguistics: Why Words Matter'. Use this as a 'jumping off point' for looking at further videos/articles about Language and Gender.

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=awvWRm-f87w>



DISCUSS with your parents what your first words were and what they can remember about your language development.



WATCH this TED talk in which lexicographer Erin McKean explores how we can manipulate language to express ourselves better. 'Go ahead, make up new words!' (*TED Talks – Erin McKean*)

<https://www.bing.com/videos/search?q=go+ahead%2c+make+up+new+words!ted+talks+%e2%80%93+erin+mckean&docid=607994741226147663&mid=7E6C11F0FA2DBCA B667B7E6C11F0FA2DBCAB667B&view=detail&FORM=VIRE>



COMPLETE this course which is ideal for any student who is going to start A level English Language or A Level English Language and Literature in 2020.

'An Introduction to Sociolinguistics: Accents, Attitudes and Identity' (*University of York*)

Starts 13th July.

<https://www.classcentral.com/course/accents-attitudes-and-identity-an-introduction-to-14416>



WATCH this TED talk which explores how we can communicate effectively in non-verbal ways, using pictures and 'maps' to represent meaning. 'A word game to communicate in any language' (*TED Talks – Ajit Narayanan*)

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



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