

# How to Succeed in English Literature and Language

## Course Information

<b>Exam Board</b>	<b>AQA</b>	
<b>Exam Structure</b>	<b>Paper 1: 1hr 45 minutes</b> <b>Shakespeare and the 19<sup>th</sup> Century Novel</b> <b>Paper 2: 2hr 15minutes</b> <b>Modern texts and poetry</b>	<b>Paper 1: 1hr 45 mins</b> <b>Explorations in creative reading and writing</b> <b>Paper 2: 1hr 45 mins</b> <b>Writers' viewpoints and perspectives</b>
<b>Specification weblink</b>	<a href="#">AQA   English   GCSE   GCSE English Literature</a>	<a href="#">AQA   English   GCSE   GCSE English Language</a>
<b>Practice exam papers weblink</b>	<a href="#">AQA   English   GCSE   GCSE English Language</a> <a href="#">AQA   English   GCSE   GCSE English Literature</a>	

Units/Topics studied	
<p><b>English Literature</b></p> <p><b>Paper 1:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• written exam: 1 hour 45 minutes</li> <li>• 64 marks</li> <li>• 40% of GCSE</li> </ul> <p><b>Section A Shakespeare:</b> students will answer one question on their play of choice. They will be required to write in detail about an extract from the play and then to write about the play as a whole. <b>Macbeth</b></p> <p><b>Section B The 19th-century novel:</b> students will answer one question on their novel of choice. They will be required to write in detail about an extract from the novel and then to write about the novel as a whole. <b>A Christmas Carol</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Paper 2: written exam: 2 hour 15 minutes</li> <li>• 96 marks</li> <li>• 60% of GCSE</li> </ul> <p><b>Questions</b></p> <p><b>Section A Modern texts:</b> students will answer one essay question from a choice of two on their studied modern prose or drama text. <b>An Inspector Calls</b></p> <p><b>Section B Poetry:</b> students will answer one comparative question on one named poem printed on the paper and one other poem from their chosen anthology cluster. <b>Power and Conflict</b></p> <p><b>Section C Unseen poetry:</b> Students will answer one question on one unseen poem and one question comparing this poem with a second unseen poem.</p>	<p><b>English Language</b></p> <p><b>Paper 1</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Written exam: 1 hour 45 minutes</li> <li>• 80 marks</li> <li>• 50% of GCSE</li> </ul> <p><b>Questions</b></p> <p><b>Reading (40 marks) (25%)</b> – one single text</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 1 short form question (1 x 4 marks)</li> <li>• 2 longer form questions (2 x 8 marks)</li> <li>• 1 extended question (1 x 20 marks)</li> </ul> <p><b>Writing (40 marks) (25%)</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 1 extended writing question (24 marks for content, 16 marks for technical accuracy)</li> </ul> <p><b>Paper 2</b></p> <p><b>Assessed</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• written exam: 1 hour 45 minutes</li> <li>• 80 marks</li> <li>• 50% of GCSE</li> </ul> <p><b>Questions</b></p> <p><b>Reading (40 marks) (25%)</b> – two linked texts</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 1 short form question (1 x 4 marks)</li> <li>• 2 longer form questions (1 x 8, 1 x 12 marks)</li> <li>• 1 extended question (1 x 16 marks)</li> </ul> <p><b>Writing (40 marks) (25%)</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 1 extended writing question (24 marks for content, 16 marks for technical accuracy)</li> </ul>

## Revision strategies and materials

### **Online Revision**

Revision Podcasts: [Podcasts for GCSE revision from BBC Bitesize and BBC Sounds - BBC Bitesize Plot Revision and Quizzes: Revision resources for GCSE English literature AQA Edexcel exams 2024 - BBC Bitesize](#)

Online Flash Cards: [Digital Flashcards & Revision Cards for Students | Quizlet](#)

GCSE POD: <https://members.gcsepod.com/shared/podcasts/title/12120>

Revision Podcasts: [Podcasts for GCSE revision from BBC Bitesize and BBC Sounds - BBC Bitesize](#)

Analysing Revision: [Analysing fiction - Question and extract - Sample exam question and answer - AQA - GCSE English Language Revision - AQA - BBC Bitesize](#)

Methods: [Search Quizlet › structural methods | Quizlet](#)

### **Revision Guides:**

English Language: [AQA GCSE English Language Complete Revision and Practice \(Oxford Revise: English\): Amazon.co.uk: Webb, Jennifer, Eddy, Steve, Elsdon, Graham: 9781382039802: Books](#)

English Language: [Amazon.co.uk: CGP Books: GCSE English Language & SPaG](#)

A Christmas Carol: [GCSE English Text Guide - A Christmas Carol includes Online Edition & Quizzes | CGP Books](#)

An Inspector Call: [GCSE English Text Guide - An Inspector Calls includes Online Edition & Quizzes | CGP Books](#)

Power and Conflict: [GCSE English AQA Poetry Guide - Power & Conflict Anthology inc. Online Edition, Audio & Quizzes | CGP Books](#)

Unseen: [GCSE English AQA Unseen Poetry Guide - Book 1 includes Online Edition | CGP Books](#)

Macbeth: [Macbeth GCSE Text Guide and Complete Play 2-Book Bundle | CGP Books](#)