

GCSE English Language Independent Revision and Support

Date of my exams: Paper 1:

Paper 2:

1. Know what you are facing

Download copies of the exam papers you will be sitting. You can find these on the website of your specific examination board. Search for English Language GCSE Past papers. There are several websites where you can also find past papers for English such as:

Revision World:

<https://revisionworld.com/a2-level-level-revision/english-language-gcse-level/english-language-gcse-past-papers>

Physics and Maths Tutor (which does also have English Language Papers for all boards!)

<https://www.physicsandmathstutor.com/past-papers/gcse-english-language/>

2. Create a reminder paper

Use a blank copy of each question paper to create your own revision guide to that paper. Rather than answering the question log under each question your key reminders, method, timing and any key vocabulary you think you may need. You could also add in a model paragraph from your notes or classes. This gives you a quick go to resource to keep all the key information together.

3. Be sure of your skills

In English Language you are showing your skills in reading for meaning, analysis, comparison and critical evaluation as well as writing for different purposes and audiences. Be sure you know where you will apply those skills.

Assessment Objective	What does it mean for me?	Where is it tested?
AO1	Select and retrieve information; comprehension skill; inferential reading.	
AO2	Knowledge about language and structure; ability to analyse these for the effects.	
AO3	Comparing texts in terms of what I understand and how the writer presents the text.	
AO4	Evaluating the text in terms of what we can infer from it and how the writer has created that impression and its effect.	
AO5	The content and organisation of my writing: structure, vocabulary; features, register and purpose.	
AO6	The technical accuracy of my writing: punctuation, spelling, grammar and sentence structure.	

Then think about how you can boost those skills and feel confident with them. A good place to begin is on the **BBC Bitesize** website which has exam board specific advice on the key skills for both reading and writing. <https://www.bbc.co.uk/bitesize/subjects/zr9d7ty>



The **Get Revising** Website also has exam board specific resources to help you with specific papers, questions, knowledge about language and structure and writing for specific purposes. https://getrevising.co.uk/resources?q=&level_id%5B%5D=gcse&subject_id%5B%5D=english

Create a **knowledge organiser** or mind map to help you remember key vocabulary and subject terminology: perhaps to help you see the difference between language and structure. If you are unsure about knowledge organisers you can find some help here:

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=IDah62b6iOo&list=RDCMUCEB4lwW-eVk9SxHBIGhrY3w&start_radio=1&rv=IDah62b6iOo&t=19

Your **PiXL GraspIt/KnowIt/ThinkIt** mats which your teacher can provide will also give you a handy reminder of those skills in one place.

4. Practice key questions

Practice the questions you are least confident with. First, aim to get the method right using your notes from class. Then work on your timing. If you have missed some lessons, don't worry. You can find help in the **PiXL Wave Workbooks** on specific questions and with the accompanying videos with help from your teacher. Check if your school uses **GCSEPod** or you can find help online with lessons from:

Revision Pod

<https://podtail.com/en/podcast/gcse-english-revisionpod/>

Mr Bruff

<https://mrbruff.com/>

5. Don't underestimate writing

Remember your writing task is worth the most marks of any question. Make sure you are ready for this and think about how you could improve your skills.

The English Teacher You Tube channel has online lessons which talk you through specific writing skills and how to tackle different forms of writing such as letter, article or speech. Make sure you know which ones to prepare for this summer.

<https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCEp3SR3KaDzg8jSe12tGnGg>

Madame Anglaise has detailed help for GCSE writing:

<https://madameanglaise.wordpress.com/gcse-narrative-writing/>

Brush up on your technical skills with **BBC Skillswise**:

<https://www.bbc.co.uk/teach/skillswise/english/zjg4scw>

Stretch your creative muscles with the **Literacy Shed**:

<https://www.literacyshed.com/the-story-starter-shed.html>

And don't forget to look at good examples of writing from young writers:

<https://muckrack.com/zesha-saleem-1/articles>





