

# A Level English Language



Are you interested in why certain people speak like they do? Have you ever noticed how men and women speak differently? Do you know what makes a good communicator? Are you sure you know your nouns from your verbs? Have you ever considered how children acquire language?

English Language is interesting, stimulating and allows you a chance to actively engage with everyday language and understand how it works. You will have the opportunity for a piece of creative writing, as well as independent research tasks. Like many subjects, English Language A Level is nothing like its GCSE counterpart. It is challenging at times and requires a knowledge of terminology. Analysis is a major part of the course and you will encounter countless texts of countless different genres and subjects – and not only written data but also spoken language.

## Subject specific entry requirements

*In addition to the standard entry requirements, the following subject entry criteria should be met:*

- 6 in GCSE English

## Exam Board

Edexcel English Language A Level **9ENO**

<https://qualifications.pearson.com/en/qualifications/edexcel-a-levels/english-language-2015.html>

## Assessment

A Level – two year course	
<b>Component 01</b> – Language Variation Comparative analysis of two 21 <sup>st</sup> Century non-fiction texts Variation over time – comparison of two thematically linked texts from different time periods	Closed text exam 2 hrs 15 mins 35% of A Level
<b>Component 02</b> – Child Language Analysis of how children acquire language.	Closed text exam 1 hour 20% of A Level
<b>Component 03</b> – Investigating Language An examination based on students' research from a subtopic released in January of the examination year.	Closed text exam 1 hour 45 minutes 25% of A Level
<b>Component 04</b> – Crafting Language Research a selected genre and create two pieces of writing in the selected genre.	Non-examination assessment 20% of A Level

## This course will lead to:

English Language is good preparation for any study of Languages at university, or Linguistics, as well as a number of humanities and social science courses.