



# Year 11

## Tasks to help you prepare for A Level English Language

 <p><b>Listen</b> to this radio programme, which discusses whether slang is 'bad language'</p> <p><a href="#">What is bad language?</a></p> <p>Jonathan Green</p>	 <p><b>Listen</b> 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.</p> <p><a href="#">Forensic Linguistics</a> BBC Sounds</p>	 <p><b>Read</b> this article about how dictionaries are changing sexism in definitions.</p> <p><a href="#">No more Nagging Wives – how Oxford dictionaries are cleaning up sexist language</a> The Guardian</p>	 <p><b>Watch</b> this TED talk, about what makes a real word</p> <p><a href="#">What Makes a word "real"?</a> TED Talks – Anne Curzan</p>	 <p><b>Listen</b> to this podcast which discusses politeness</p> <p><a href="#">The soft power of 'like'</a> Lexicon Valley</p> <p>Next <b>read</b> this article on the same subject. <a href="#">The evolution of 'like'</a> The Atlantic</p> <p>Both are by John McWhorter</p> 
 <p><b>Listen</b> to this programme, where Michael Rosen talks to conversation analyst Elizabeth Stokoe about the science of talk.</p> <p><a href="#">Real Talk</a> Word of Mouth</p> <p>You can explore other episodes of Michael Rosen's <b>Word of Mouth</b> programme on the website.</p>	 <p><b>Read</b> this webpage which lists the Oxford Dictionary word of the year.</p> <p>Why do you think each word of the year has been chosen? (click on each word for the explanation)</p> <p>Research the words that other dictionaries have chosen as their word of the year and present your findings.</p> <p><a href="#">OED word of the year</a></p>	 <p><b>Watch</b> the film 'Arrival' (available to rent on Amazon Prime)</p> <p><a href="#">Arrival</a></p> <p>When you have watched the film, find the Babelzine article which explains how linguists advised the film makers on creating an alien language.</p>	 <p><b>Listen</b> to this podcast which is written and presented by a senior lecturer in Linguistics at Lancaster University. The podcast is about forensic linguistics, literary detection and language mysteries.</p> <p>This, the first episode, is all about Derek Bentley who was hanged for murder. But did the police interfere with his statement to make him look guilty? <a href="#">En Clair – Derek Bentley</a> University of Lancaster Dr Claire Hardaker</p>	 <p><b>Read</b> this article on attitudes to language change. Summarise the main ideas as you read.</p> <p><a href="#">Why it's time to stop worrying about the decline of the English language</a></p> <p>Guardian long read - David Shariatmadari</p>
 <p><b>Watch</b> this TED talk in which lexicographer Erin McKean explores how we can manipulate language to express ourselves better.</p> <p><a href="#">Go ahead, make up new words!</a> TED Talks – Erin McKean</p>		 <p><b>Read</b> this article which discusses regional variation in the UK</p> <p><a href="#">Why does the UK have so many accents?</a></p> <p>The Conversation</p>	 <p><b>Listen</b> to this lecture which explores how language changes and attitudes and our attitudes to it changing.</p> <p><a href="#">The Language Web</a> Reith Lectures – Jean Aitchison</p>	 <p><b>Watch</b> this TED talk Which discusses whether language influences the way that we think about the world.</p> <p><a href="#">How language shapes the way we think</a> TED Talks – Lera Boroditsky</p>