

Year 11

Tasks to help you prepare for A Level English Language

 <p>Listen to this radio programme, which discusses whether slang is 'bad language'</p> <p>What is bad language?</p> <p>Jonathan Green</p>	 <p>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.</p> <p>Forensic Linguistics BBC Sounds</p>	 <p>Read this article about how dictionaries are changing sexism in definitions.</p> <p>No more Nagging Wives – how Oxford dictionaries are cleaning up sexist language The Guardian</p>	 <p>Watch this TED talk, about what makes a real word</p> <p>What Makes a word "real"? TED Talks – Anne Curzan</p>	 <p>Listen to this podcast which discusses politeness</p> <p>The soft power of 'like' Lexicon Valley</p> <p>Next read this article on the same subject.  The evolution of 'like' The Atlantic Both are by John McWhorter</p>
 <p>Listen to this programme, where Michael Rosen talks to conversation analyst Elizabeth Stokoe about the science of talk.</p> <p>Real Talk Word of Mouth</p> <p>You can explore other episodes of Michael Rosen's Word of Mouth programme on the website.</p>	 <p>Read 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>OED word of the year</p>	 <p>Watch the film 'Arrival' (available to rent on Amazon Prime)</p> <p>Arrival</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>Listen 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? En Clair – Derek Bentley University of Lancaster Dr Claire Hardaker</p>	 <p>Read this article on attitudes to language change. Summarise the main ideas as you read.</p> <p>Why it's time to stop worrying about the decline of the English language</p> <p>Guardian long read - David Shariatmadari</p>
 <p>Watch this TED talk in which lexicographer Erin McKean explores how we can manipulate language to express ourselves better.</p> <p>Go ahead, make up new words! TED Talks – Erin McKean</p>		 <p>Read this article which discusses regional variation in the UK</p> <p>Why does the UK have so many accents?</p> <p>The Conversation</p>	 <p>Listen to this lecture which explores how language changes and attitudes and our attitudes to it changing.</p> <p>The Language Web Reith Lectures – Jean Aitchison</p>	 <p>Watch this TED talk Which discusses whether language influences the way that we think about the world.</p> <p>How language shapes the way we think TED Talks – Lera Boroditsky</p>