

# A Level English Language

## Essential Bridging Work

If you intend to enrol on this course you must complete the following bridging work ahead of your first lesson and bring it with you. It should take you about 2 – 3 hours to complete the work.

<b>Topic</b>	<b>Analysing a spoken language clip</b>
<b>Task</b>	<p>Watch the following clip from ITV's This Morning where children's names are discussed:  <a href="https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=izW_IZeBHhE">https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=izW_IZeBHhE</a></p> <p>Consider the following prompts as you watch it and then answer the question in the box below:</p> <p><b>Prompts:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• What is the purpose of the interaction? Do the speakers share the same aims or not?</li> <li>• Where does it take place and does this impact on each speaker's use of language?</li> <li>• Do the speakers change their language to cater for their audience (i.e. the other participants in the discussion, the studio audience and the television viewers)?</li> <li>• Who begins the conversation? How do they set the topic of the conversation and why do they do this?</li> <li>• Think about how the interaction is structured - do the speakers use adjacency pairs? Is there any overlapping or latching on? Do the speakers stay on topic or not?</li> <li>• Consider the words the speakers use - what do they reveal about their attitudes and values?</li> <li>• Consider the prosodics – do the speakers raise their volume; change pitch on certain words or increase the tempo of their speech? What do these changes reveal about the speakers?</li> </ul> <p><b>Question:</b></p> <div style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 10px; text-align: center;"> <p><b>How does the spoken language used reveal the relationships between the speakers and how they feel about each other?</b></p> </div> <p>Aim to write approximately 350 words.          Please include spoken language terminology (that you may have been taught at GCSE) where possible.</p>
<b>Resources</b>	<p>If you want to brush up on the spoken language terminology why not visit our padlet:</p> <p><a href="https://padlet.com/Keana/Preparing_to_study_English_Language">https://padlet.com/Keana/Preparing_to_study_English_Language</a>          Password: englishprep</p>
<b>Presentation</b>	Typed or handwritten on A4 paper. Please bring it to your first lesson to be handed in.