

A Level English Language

Part A - Bridging Work Task

This is a fantastic opportunity to expand your understanding of A Level English Language as you prepare for enrolment and start at Franklin in September.

Please complete the work and bring a copy to your enrolment, either printed or electronically.

The work will take you around **2 hours** so plan your time to best suit you.

How do I complete and submit my task?	<p>Complete the tasks on paper/handwritten or digitally, and bring a copy, either paper or electronically, to your enrolment appointment. Also, bring this along to your first lesson in September.</p> <p>If you didn't attend the Taster Day, don't worry. It isn't essential for completing this work, but please ensure that you have completed this bridging work.</p>
Introduction to your Bridging Task	<p>This task will give you an introduction to the first topics you can expect to study in September. You will begin with analysing texts, understanding writers' choices and building your technical knowledge of how language works.</p>
Task details	<ol style="list-style-type: none">1. Read each piece of travel writing and annotate each text for typical features of travel writing.2. Identify the audience and the purpose for each text.3. Using your reading and analysis, respond to the following question: Compare the two texts written by different writers at different times as examples of travel writing. In your response:<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Consider relevant contextual factors• Consider the attitudes and values that the writers present• Make sure to use terminology and quotations to support your ideas• Aim to write between 500 – 700 words

Resources to help you with the Bridging Task	<p>Taster Day Slides - list of typical features of travel writing and notes on genre, audience and purpose.</p> <p>Travel Writing Texts - texts for tasks 1 – 3.</p>
Extension Tasks	
Extension Tasks to stretch and challenge you	<p>If you have completed the above to the best of your ability, feel free to try this extension task (<i>this is optional</i>):</p> <p>Using your reading of travel writing to guide your use of language and the features to include, create your own piece of travel writing.</p> <p>You could use your own experiences, or even use your imagination to describe a visit to a place you have seen on the television, in a film, or have read about.</p> <p>Write up to 350 words and think carefully about your language choices.</p>
Massive Open Online Courses (MOOCs)	<p>You might enrol and complete the following to push you a little further (this is optional):</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Describing language - OpenLearn - Open University • Language in the real world - OpenLearn - Open University • Grammar matters - OpenLearn - Open University

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Part B – Preparing for Studying at Franklin

A fantastic opportunity to widen your understanding of the course.

Examining Board and Specification	<p>The course you will study is EDUQAS's A Level English Language which includes just some of the following areas:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• how children learn to speak• how language can be used to manipulate and influence• how to write like a professional• the language of social media and technology• how changing attitudes and values in society can be revealed through language. <p>The English Language course is nothing like what you have studied before! This course brings together aspects of Sociology, Creative Writing, and History to examine the English language in a more scientific way, known as a 'linguistic' approach.</p> <p>Find out more about linguistics here: What is Linguistics?: Crash Course Linguistics #1 - YouTube</p> <p>An A Level in English Language is an excellent choice for those looking to study English, or a language course, at university. It also provides you with skills to gain apprenticeships in a wide variety of industries: digital technologies, media and creative arts, business, retail, and communications (to name just a few).</p> <p>Popular jobs for English Language graduates include journalist, writer, blogger, editor, translator, social media manager, linguist and publisher.</p> <p>You can find out more information about it via the exam board website: https://www.eduqas.co.uk/media/fxefxsd5/wjec-eduqas-a-level-english-language-specification-from-2015.pdf</p>
Preparing for the course	<p>To prepare for the course you could...</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• read E-Magazine – a magazine for English A level students - Account sign-in English & Media Centre (englishandmedia.co.uk) Username: Franklin23 Password: English• brush up your knowledge using Seneca learning – for revision and consolidation of your GCSE work – sign up for free or use your current log in: https://senecalearning.com/en-GB/