

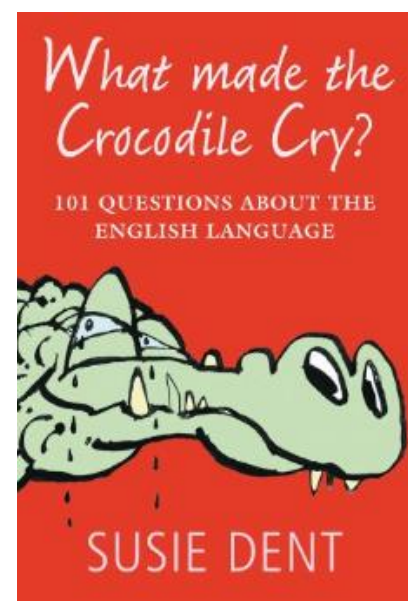
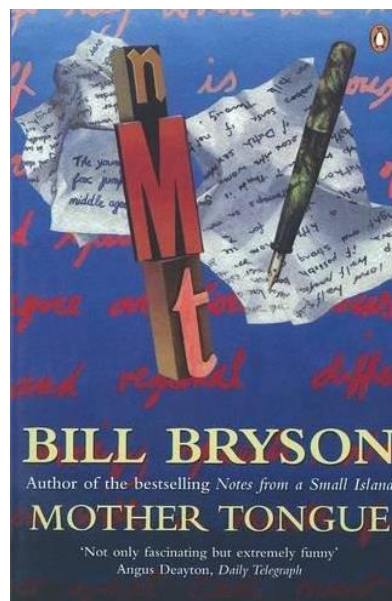
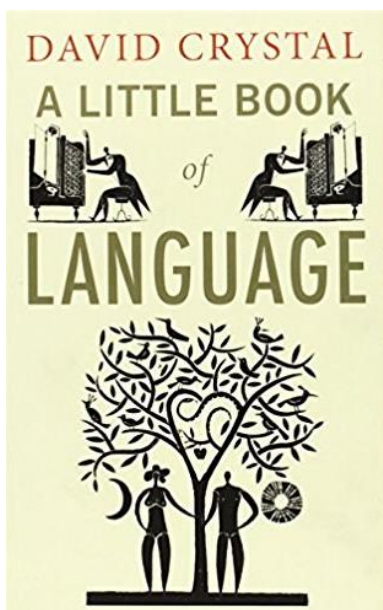
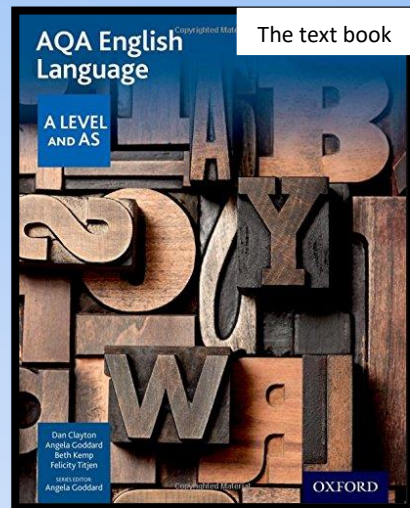
# A level

## English Language

### Summer work for Year 11


We study the AQA A level course for English Language. In order to access the course you will need to know some linguistic terminology. In this pack there is a key word list – some of these terms you should be familiar with and some you may need to look up.

Another thing you need to know is about different attitudes people have towards language issues. Included are some articles for you to read and make notes. You could do some of your own additional research or wider reading too. Below are some suggestions for books you might enjoy.



# Task 1: Key terms

Complete the grid with a definition and example.  
Colour code to show how well you know the term.

Key term	Definition	Example	Traffic light 
Abstract noun			
Accent			
Acronym			
Adjective			
adverb			
antonym			
Complex sentence			
Compound sentence			
Concrete noun			
Conjunction			
Declarative			
Dialect			
Double negative			
Figurative language			
First person			
Future tense			
Genre			
Imperative			
Jargon			

<b>Main clause</b>			
<b>Mode</b>			
<b>Monosyllabic</b>			
<b>Noun phrase</b>			
<b>Past tense</b>			
<b>Polysyllabic</b>			
<b>Prefix</b>			
<b>Preposition</b>			
<b>Present tense</b>			
<b>Pronoun</b>			
<b>Proper noun</b>			
<b>Register</b>			
<b>Second person</b>			
<b>Semantic field</b>			
<b>Simple sentence</b>			
<b>Standard English</b>			
<b>Subordinate clause</b>			
<b>Suffix</b>			
<b>superlative</b>			
<b>Synonym</b>			
<b>Third person</b>			
<b>Verb</b>			
<b>Verb phrase</b>			

## Task 2: Wider reading

Read the articles / watch the videos on the links below. Make some notes on what you learn about these language 'issues' and people's attitudes towards them. You can also do your own wider reading and look up other articles about English language – how it is used and how it is changing.

1. 'What does your accent say about you?'

<http://www.bbc.com/future/story/20180307-what-does-your-accent-say-about-you>

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2. TED Talk: 'Texting is killing language...JK!'

[https://www.ted.com/talks/john\\_mcwhorter\\_txtng\\_is\\_killing\\_language\\_jk](https://www.ted.com/talks/john_mcwhorter_txtng_is_killing_language_jk)

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3. 'How Americanisms are killing the English language'

<http://www.bbc.com/culture/story/20170904-how-americanisms-are-killing-the-english-language>

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4. 'Do women really talk more than men?'

<https://www.psychologytoday.com/us/blog/marriage-equals/201910/do-women-really-talk-more-men>

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5. 'From Cockney to Jafaican'

<https://www.spectator.co.uk/2013/03/slanging-match/>

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