



Specification: AQA English Language, 7702

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Complete **three** tasks from the list below.

- Everyone must complete the first one.
- You can choose the other two, but they must be from different sections.
- You are obviously welcome to do more and look further for your research if you want to!

Task 1 (compulsory):

Make a scrap book of interesting texts you come across throughout the summer. They could be anything, e.g. adverts, junk mail, articles, tweets, FB posts, extracts from books, transcripts of conversations, legal documents – anything at all!

- Stick them each on a separate page of a scrap book.
- Aim for about 20 texts.
- Try to include a range of topics and text types.

Task 2:

Read one of the following books (or dip into them – some are more for reference) and write a summary of what you found interesting or what you learned.

- ‘The Story of English in 100 Words’ by David Crystal (***particularly recommended!*)
- ‘Rediscover Grammar’ by David Crystal
- ‘A Century of New Words’ (Oxford) by John Ayto (*the introductions at the start of each chapter are particularly interesting*)

Task 3:

Watch a TED talk and make notes on the key issues it is discussing.

- Choose from this section on TED: <https://www.ted.com/topics/language>

Task 4:

Read a blog or article about an aspect of English language or grammar and make notes on what you learned from it.

- <http://englishlangsfx.blogspot.co.uk/> is a great place to start.

Task 5:

Watch a TV or YouTube programme and again, jot down your thoughts on some of the main issues or things you learned.

Use these as a starting point:

- <http://www.bbc.co.uk/programmes/p051fhqs>
- <http://www.bbc.co.uk/programmes/b08k1stz>
- YouTube ‘David Crystal English Language’