

QEGS Reading List for A level English Language

* these books are aimed specifically at A level students. Parts of them may become familiar to you as your teacher may use parts.

General books/information about language

David Crystal *A Little Book of Language*

David Crystal *Rediscover Grammar*

David Crystal *How Language Works*

Sarah Thorne *Mastering Advanced English Language*

David Shariatmadari *Don't believe a Word: the surprising truth about language*

P. H. Matthews *Linguistics: A very short Introduction*

Audio/Visual

<http://englishlangsfx.blogspot.com/>

<https://www.lancaster.ac.uk/linguistics/>

Word of Mouth radio programme on BBC iplayer <https://www.bbc.co.uk/programmes/b006qtn>

Wider Reading for Different Units:

Child Language Acquisition

David Crystal *Listen to your Child*

Matthew Saxton *Child Language: Acquisition and Development*

Language Change and Spoken Language

Bill Bryson *The Mother Tongue*

David Crystal *The Stories of English*

*Ian Cushing *Language Change*

Henry Hitchings *The Language Wars: A History of Proper English*

Gretchen McCulloch *Because Internet: Understanding how language is changing*

Dennis Baron *A better pencil: readers, writers and the digital revolution*

Lynne Truss *Eats, Shoots and Leaves*

Jean Aitchison *Language change: progress of decay?*

Language and Gender/Power/Technology

Deborah Cameron *The Myth of Mars and Venus*

Deborah Tannen *You Just Don't Understand*

Jennifer Coates *Men, Women and Language*

*Gary Ives and Raj Rana *Language and Power*

*Rob Drummond and Dan Clayton *Language Diversity and World Englishes*

Abby Kaplan *Women Talk More than Men, and other myths about language*

Susie Dent *Dent's Modern Tribes: The Secret Languages of Britain*

Deborah Cameron *Language and Sexuality*

Deborah Cameron *Verbal Hygiene*

Mary Talbot *Language and Gender*

Jennifer Jenkins *Global Englishes: A Resource book for students*

Norman Fairclough *Language and Power*

*Dan Clayton *Attitudes to Language*

And just for fun!

John Olsson *Wordcrime: Solving Crime through Forensic Linguistics*

Philip Seargeant *The Emoji Revolution: How Technology is shaping the future of communication*

Lane Greene *Talk on the Wild Side: Why language won't do as it's told*

Susie Dent *Word Perfect: Etymological entertainment every day*

Simon Prentis *Speech! How Language made us human*

Paul Anthony-Jones *The Cabinet of Linguistic Curiosities: A Yearbook of Forgotten words*

Guy Deutscher *Through the Looking Glass: why the world looks different in other languages*

Albert Costa *The Bilingual Brain: And what it tells us about the science of language*