

Sixth Form wider reading

English Language A Level



General books and information about language	
David Crystal	<i>A Little Book of Language</i>
David Crystal	<i>Rediscover Grammar</i>
David Crystal	<i>How Language Works</i>
Victoria Fromkin, Robert Rodman and Nina Hyams	<i>An Introduction to Language</i>
Sarah Thorne	<i>Mastering Advanced English Language</i>
Angela Goddard	<i>Doing English Language: A Guide for Success</i>
PH Matthews	<i>Linguistics: A very short introduction</i>
Aktin, Harrison, Kinder and Winder	<i>OCR A Level English Language: Student Book</i>
Ian Cushing	<i>Text Analysis and Representation</i>
https://englishlangsfx.blogspot.com/ <i>A blog for A Level Language students and teachers</i>	
Linguistics and English Language - Lancaster University <i>Academic resources for English Language</i>	
https://www.bbc.co.uk/programmes/b006qtnz/episodes/player <i>Excellent 'Word of Mouth' radio programme focusing on language issues</i>	
https://www.theguardian.com/uk/commentisfree <i>Quality opinion-based journalism, often with a focus on Topical Language Issues</i>	

Child Language Acquisition	
David Crystal	<i>Listen to your Child</i>
Rudman and Titjen	<i>Language Development</i>
Matthew Saxton	<i>Child Language: Acquisition and Development</i>

Language Change	
Bill Bryson	<i>The Mother Tongue</i>
Melvyn Bragg	<i>The Adventure of English</i>
David Crystal	<i>Stories of English</i>
Ian Cushing	<i>Language Change</i>
Henry Hitchings	<i>The Language Wars: A History of Proper English</i>
Gretchen McCulloch	<i>Because Internet: Understanding how language is changing</i>
Dennis Baron	<i>A Better Pencil: Readers, writers and the digital revolution</i>
Lynne Truss	<i>Eats, Shoots and Leaves</i>
Jean Aitchison	<i>Language Change: Progress or Decay?</i>
https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=K1XQx9pGGd0&list=PLbBvyau8q9v4hcgNYBp4LCyhMHSyq-lhe&index=1 Melvyn Bragg's series <i>The Adventure of English</i> is available on YouTube. The 8 episodes look at the birth of the language, to the worldwide spread of English, and the ways in which the language is used today.	

Language Diversity	
Deborah Cameron	<i>The Myth of Mars and Venus</i>
Deborah Tannen	<i>You Just Don't Understand</i>
Jennifer Coates	<i>Men, Women and Language</i>
Felicity Titjen	<i>Language and Gender</i>
Gary Ives and Raj Rana	<i>Language and Power</i>
Rob Drummond and Dan Clayton	<i>Language Diversity and World Englishes</i>
Abby Kaplan	<i>Women Talk More than Men, and other myths about language</i>
Susie Dent	<i>Modern Tribes: The Secret Languages of Britain</i>
Deborah Cameron	<i>Language and Sexuality</i>
Deborah Cameron	<i>Verbal Hygiene</i>
Mary Talbot	<i>Language and Gender</i>
Jennifer Jenkins	<i>Global Englishes: A resource book for students</i>
Paul Simpson, Andrea Mayr et al	<i>Language and Power: A resource book for students</i>
Betsy Evans and Annabelle Mooney	<i>Language, Society and Power: An Introduction</i>
Norman Fairclough	<i>Language and Power</i>
Dan Clayton	<i>Attitudes to Language</i>

... and just for fun!	
John Olsson	<i>Wordcrime: Solving crime through forensic linguistics</i>
Philip Seargeant	<i>The Emoji Revolution: How technology is shaping the future of communication</i>
Lane Greene	<i>Talk on the Wild Side: Why language won't do as it's told</i>
Susie Dent	<i>Word Perfect: Etymological entertainment every day</i>
Simon Prentis	<i>Speech! How Language made us Human</i>
Paul Anthony-Jones	<i>The Cabinet of Linguistic Curiosities: A yearbook of forgotten words</i>
Guy Deutscher	<i>Through the Looking Glass: Why the world looks different in other languages</i>
Albert Costa	<i>The Bilingual Brain: And what it tells us about the science of language</i>

Articles about English Language and Socio-Linguistics (TLI)



Representation

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<https://theconversation.com/like-isnt-a-lazy-linguistic-filler-the-english-language-snobs-need-to-like-pipe-down-122056>

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Diversity topics

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<https://theconversation.com/it-dont-be-like-that-now-the-english-history-of-african-american-english-129611>

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Global Englishes

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Language Change

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