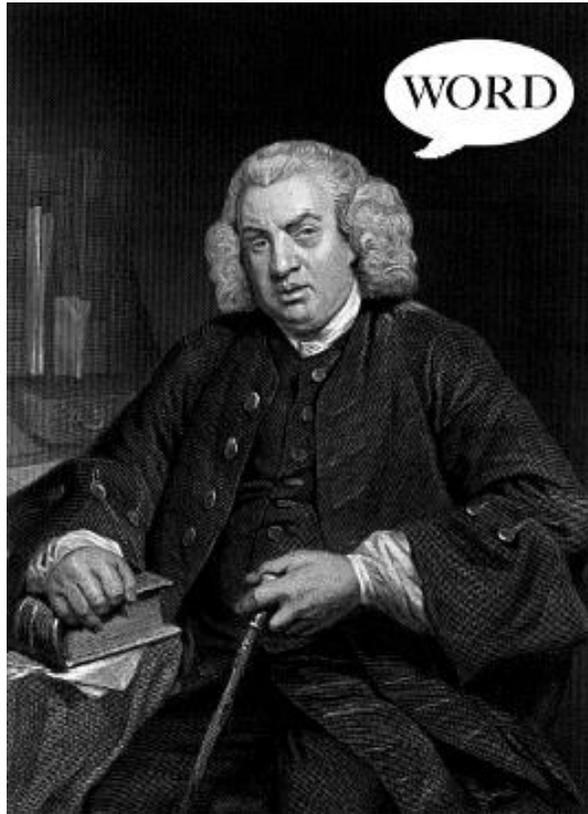




# ENGLISH LANGUAGE



Thank you for choosing to study A Level English Language at Poynton High School, you've made an exciting choice!

The following three slides guide you through some activities that you can complete both before the course starts, and during the course, in order to get the most out of your studies.

**Slide 2:** Introduces nine activities to complete before the A Level English Language course starts. Compile your own set of responses to each task either in a book, or in a file, or a folder. Work your way through the nine in any order and build your understanding of English Language.

**Slide 3: '18 by 18':** 18 products to read, watch or listen to, by the time you're 18 years old (or by the end of Year 13), in order to both broaden your general cultural understanding and also help with some specific aspects of your English Language A Level.

Slide 4: Covers the topics you will cover during the English Language course.

1. Listen to this podcast which provides a fascinating exploration into how spoken and written language gives criminals away and helps to solve crimes. This podcast is part of a wider series called 'Word of Mouth' by Michael Rosen, and there are lots of other episodes available.

<https://www.bbc.co.uk/programmes/m00027n6>

2. Watch this TED talk in which lexicographer Erin McKean explores how we can manipulate language to express ourselves better.

[https://www.ted.com/talks/erin\\_mckean\\_go\\_ahead\\_make\\_up\\_new\\_words?language=en](https://www.ted.com/talks/erin_mckean_go_ahead_make_up_new_words?language=en)

3. Read this article about Tottenham Hotspur's protests about the OED's definition of the Y-word.

<https://www.theguardian.com/commentisfree/2020/feb/17/dictionaries-language-tottenham-hotspur-oed-y-word-definition>

4. Watch this TED talk, presented in Spanish with English subtitles which asks the question: does spelling matter in this day and age?

[https://www.ted.com/talks/karina\\_galperin\\_should\\_we\\_simplify\\_spelling?language=en](https://www.ted.com/talks/karina_galperin_should_we_simplify_spelling?language=en)

5. Complete this course which is ideal for any student who is going to start A Level English Language in 2020.

<https://www.futurelearn.com/courses/accents-attitudes-and-identity-an-introduction-to-sociolinguistics>

6. Watch the video and create your own timeline of the English Language

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=H3r9bOkYW9s>

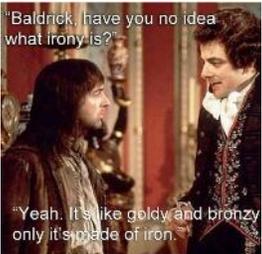
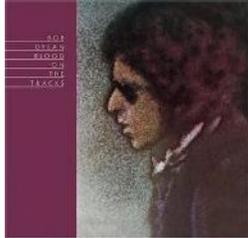
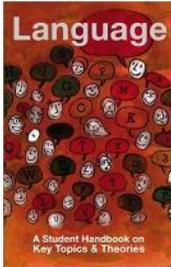
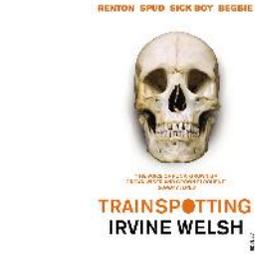
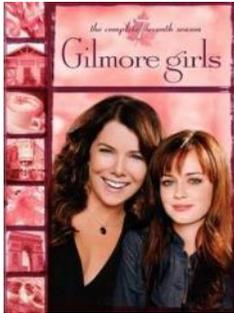
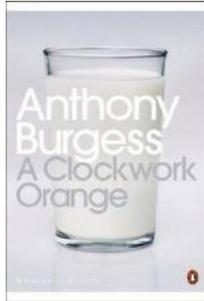
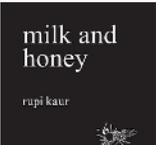
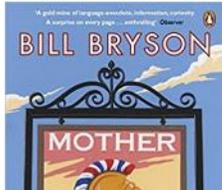
7. Listen to this radio programme hosted by Mariella Frostrup, and hear from authors on their latest publication and what influences their writing. There are loads to choose from.

<https://www.bbc.co.uk/sounds/brand/b006qp6p>

8. Read at least three opinion articles from a broadsheet newspaper. You could look at the Guardian (free), the Telegraph, the FT or the Times (behind a paywall).

9. Start writing in a genre you are interested in – it could be fiction or non-fiction. Keep a record of your writing.

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<p><b>1. Blackadder TV Series</b></p> 	<p><b>2. History of the English Language TV Series and book by Melvyn Bragg</b></p> 	<p><b>3. Blood on the Tracks album by Bob Dylan</b></p> 	<p><b>4. Language – A Student Handbook on Key Topics and Theories</b></p> 	<p><b>5. Trainspotting book by Irvine Welsh</b></p> 	<p><b>6. Arrival Film</b></p> 
<p><b>7. Visit the British Library. You can do this virtually by visiting the website and browsing their extensive archives. <a href="https://www.bl.uk/?ns_campaign=brand&amp;ns_mchannel=ppc&amp;ns_source=google&amp;ns_linkname=British%20library&amp;ns_fee=0&amp;gclid=EAlaIQobChMIq4_Ktrfq6AIVFM53Ch2SMwBAEAAYASAAEgL8z_D_BwE">https://www.bl.uk/?ns_campaign=brand&amp;ns_mchannel=ppc&amp;ns_source=google&amp;ns_linkname=British%20library&amp;ns_fee=0&amp;gclid=EAlaIQobChMIq4_Ktrfq6AIVFM53Ch2SMwBAEAAYASAAEgL8z_D_BwE</a></b></p>	<p><b>8. Gilmore Girls TV Series</b></p> 	<p><b>9. Subscribe and listen to the Susie Dent's Language Podcast</b></p> 	<p><b>10. A Clockwork Orange</b></p> 	<p><b>11. Watch Countdown TV Series</b></p> 	<p><b>12. Hounds of Love album by Kate Bush</b></p> 
<p><b>13. Milk and Honey poetry collection by Rupi Kaur</b></p> 	<p><b>14. Jean Aitchison: Reith Lectures</b></p> 	<p><b>15. Let Them Eat Chaos album by Kate Tempest</b></p> 	<p><b>16. The Mother Tongue book by Bill Bryson</b></p> 	<p><b>17. Subscribe and watch the many interesting videos on the Green Brother's YouTube Channel <a href="https://www.youtube.com/user/vlogbrothers">https://www.youtube.com/user/vlogbrothers</a></b></p>	<p><b>18. I Know Why the Caged Bird Sings book by Maya Angelou</b></p> 

## A Level English Language Topics

**Language Basics – Grammar, Discourse, Lexis and Semantics**

**Child Language Acquisition**

**Global English**

**Language Change**

**Language and Gender**

**Occupational Language**

**Accent and Dialect**