

English Language – Course Information

Please note that AQA have made some small but important changes to some of the questions on these papers last year.

When looking at example papers, please ensure that they are the updated papers that fit the 2026 exam specifications.

Exam Board: AQA

Full Course Name: AQA GCSE English Language

Full Course Code: 8700

Type of Qualification: Level 2/GCSE

Examination Structure (Full Course):

Unit Name	Coursework / Controlled Assessment / Examination	Date range / Deadline(s) (Subject to change)	Content in this unit	Percentage of course	Useful links
8700/1 (Paper 1)	Examination	May / June of Y11	Explorations in Creative Reading and Writing	50%	
8700/2 (Paper 2)	Examination	May / June of Y11	Writers' Viewpoints and Perspectives	50%	
NEA	Spoken Language Endorsement	Y11- Term 1		Separate certificate at Pass, Merit or Distinction	

Online Revision Guides: YouTube: 'Mr Bruff' - various playlists <https://www.youtube.com/user/mrbruff>

Past Papers (including mark schemes): <https://www.aqa.org.uk/subjects/english/gcse/english-8700/assessment-resources>

Link to Specification: <https://www.aqa.org.uk/subjects/english/gcse/english-8700/specification>