



GCSE English Language and Literature

What are my English exams about and how can I revise?

English Literature Paper 1N 50 minutes*

A Christmas Carol – one extract-based question

English Literature Paper 1M 50 minutes*

An Inspector Calls – one essay question

* These two papers will run concurrently in one exam session

English Literature Paper 2 1 hr 45 mins

Section A – Romeo and Juliet one extract based question 1 Hour

Section B – Unseen poetry – a response to one poem followed by a comparison with a second poem 45 mins

English Language: Paper 1 - 1 hr 45mins

Section A – 4 questions about an extract from a fiction text – 1 hr

Section B – one extended narrative or descriptive task from a choice of two – 45mins

English Language: Paper 2

Section A – 4 questions about two non-fiction texts – 1hr

Section B – one extended non-fiction persuasive, discursive, explanatory or advisory writing task – 45mins

For English Literature you can;

- re-read the texts
- create timelines for events/characters/themes/ideas
- create character posters/fact sheets/quote sheets etc.
- make flashcards
- practise, practise, practise exam questions
- practise annotating extracts
- practise comparing pairs of poems
- review class notes
- use Bitesize
- use the 'Litcharts' app on your phone (requires subscription)
- use <https://www.aqa.org.uk/subjects/english/gcse/english-literature-8702/assessment-resources>



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For English Language you can;

- practise exam questions
- read - anything - and think about the author's intentions and how these are achieved
- revise lists of structural/language features
- annotate texts for language and structure
- practise generating narrative/descriptive ideas about pictures
- revise the features of and practise writing; letters, articles, text for leaflets, text of a speech, essays to persuade, argue, explain or advise.
- use <https://www.aqa.org.uk/subjects/english/gcse/english-language-8700/assessment-resources?f.Resource+type%7C6=Question+papers&f.resource+type%7C6=grade+descriptors&query=&sort=date&f.component%7C7=paper+1>



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