



Teacher Resource Bank

GCE English Language A

Resources List



ENGA1 Section A - Language and Mode

Many teachers will already have experience of teaching spoken language from the previous specification, so the focus of this list is more on the *mode* part of the specification.

Author	Title	Description
David Crystal	A Glossary of Netspeak and Textspeak Language and the Internet	Useful introductions to the basics of these blended modes
Ronald Carter and Sandra Cornbleet	The Language of Speech and Writing	Student-friendly text
Mark Boardman	The Language of Websites	Student-friendly text
Tim Shortis	The Language of ICT	Student-friendly text
Geoffrey Leech, Margaret Deuchar, and Robert Hoogenraad	English Grammar For Today	A good text for teachers; includes material on the mode 'continuum' (141-155)
David Graddol, Sharon Goodman and Theresa Lillis	Redesigning English	Another teacher text with a good chapter (3) on 'English in Cyberspace'
Peter Grundy	Doing Pragmatics	A refreshingly clear take on what pragmatics is and how it's relevant to communication. Never again will you see a student answer which begins 'This is a pragmatic' or 'There are no pragmatics in this text'

Online Resources

Online resources: there is still surprisingly little online about language and mode, but some pieces of research are available, and more resources for teaching about technology and language are starting to appear on websites like *Teachit*.

Crispin Thurlow	http://extra.shu.ac.uk/daol/articles/v1/n1/a3/thurlow2002003-paper.html	Generation Text: the sociolinguistics of young people's text messaging
Danah Boyd	http://www.danah.org/papers/	A variety of papers and articles on social networking sites and their impact on communication. Not strictly a linguistic focus, but interesting nonetheless
Teachit	http://www.teachit.co.uk	Go to the Language Library → Language and Social Contexts → Language technology for some resources on email and texting, or go to Language Library → Talk Talk for some great resources on spoken language
B. Fliss	http://www.chass.utoronto.ca/~cpercycourses/6362Flis2.htm	A paper on 'The Language of Email'
David A. Huffaker and Sandra L. Calvert	http://jcmc.indiana.edu/vol10/issue2/huffaker.html	Gender, Identity, and Language Use in Teenage Blogs

ENGA1 Section B - Language Development

All of the books below have some coverage of Child Language.

Author	Title	Description
David Crystal	Listen to Your Child	A good accessible guide for students and teachers alike
Jean Aitchison	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The Language Web The Articulate Mammal 	The Language Web is suitable for students (chapter 3 providing some good material on Language Development) while The Articulate Mammal is heavy going and is really only recommended for teachers
Julia Gillen	The Language of Children	Suitable for students and teachers, with some good material on children's writing
Alan Gardiner	English Language AS/A2	Student revision guide
Jean Stilwell Peccei	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Child Language Child Language: a resource book for students 	Excellent book on Language Development. The former is aimed at students and is very good, while the latter is aimed at different audiences and covers the basics as well as material that would help teachers. Both are highly recommended
William O'Grady	How Children Learn Language	An excellent, student-friendly book that has much recent research and many case studies. Highly recommended
Frank Myszor	Language Acquisition	A good student-friendly introduction to the topic
Fromkin and Rodman	An Introduction to Language	Suitable for students and teachers
Steven Pinker	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The Language Instinct Words and Rules The Stuff of Thought 	Probably of more use to teachers as they can be quite heavy going. Words and Rules has a very neat explanation of the Wugs test while The Stuff of Thought has a chapter on Child Language. The Language Instinct is highly recommended if you want to hammer out the ins and outs of theory
Karmiloff and Karmiloff – Smith	Pathways to Language (From Fetus to Adolescent)	Suitable for teachers
Robert Lawrence Trask	Language, The Basics	(Chapter 8) A good, accessible introduction

Author	Title	Description
Mike Cardwell, Liz Clark and Claire Meldrum	Psychology for A2 Level	(Chapter 17 - Language and Thought) Aimed at Psychology students but interesting reading for Language students and teachers alike. Has some very good material on cognitive theories of language acquisition
Neil Mercer and Joan Swann (ed)	Learning English: development and diversity	Especially chapters 1 and 3 on initial acquisition and reading and writing
Katharine Perera	Children's Writing and Reading: Analysing Classroom Language	Currently out of print but occasionally available second hand. Very detailed and thorough book on children's acquisition and development of reading and writing. Suitable for teachers
Vivian Cook	Inside Language	(Chapter 7) An intro to the topic

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Teachit Language Library	Technonanny blog Little Evie Dear Zoo http://www.teachit.co.uk/	Some excellent online resources – audio, video, worksheets, handouts and lesson ideas – which are constantly updated
National Curriculum In Action site	http://www.ncaction.org.uk/index.htm	An amazingly useful site with thousands of digital versions of children's early work in a range of Primary subjects. Lots of material for children's early reading, writing and speaking
CHILDES database	http://childes.psy.cmu.edu/	A resource bank for linguists, which collects child language data. Takes a while to get used to but also has some interesting material to support teaching. The <i>topics</i> link is particularly useful

ENGA2 Section A - Investigating Representations

Author	Title	Description
Norman Fairclough	Language and Power Critical Discourse Analysis	Many of the frameworks used in the analytical approach to the unit are inspired by Fairclough's critical approach to language
Alan Gardiner	AS/A2 English Language	A very student-friendly revision guide which has clear explanations of basic frameworks
Ron Carter and Michael McCarthy	Cambridge Grammar of English	Very thorough and teacher-friendly guide to grammar
Deborah Cameron	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The Teacher's Guide to Grammar The Feminist Critique of Language 	An introduction to the frameworks for language analysis at A Level. Very useful for teachers as its title might suggest, while the Feminist Critique is a reader in language and gender, with some good material on how gender is represented
Steve Thorne	The Language of War	Good for both students and teachers. Some very detailed and wide-ranging approaches to studying areas like army recruitment adverts & computer games covers
David Hyatt	Article in NATE English in Education magazine (available from National Association for Teaching of English website)	A very concise and clear take on how to put together a critical discourse framework got use in A Level classrooms
Angela Goddard	Language and Gender	Good student-friendly material on representation of gender.
Dale Spender	Man Made Language	One of the most influential texts on gender, often seen as kick-starting the whole debate, and therefore essential reading for teachers
Geoffrey Hughes	Words in Time	Looks at how words have changed over time but with a particular focus on terms used to label others. More for teachers than students but could be used by able students for this topic or ENGA3

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Online resources: the range of focus for this unit can be very broad, but some suggestions are included here for useful online resources to help with research methodology and certain topic areas.

Organisation	Web Address	Description
British National Corpus	http://www.natcorp.ox.ac.uk/	These three corpora are referred to in more detail in the student books and teacher resources by Nelson Thornes. The simplest one to begin with is probably the Oxford English Corpus simply because it contains some very helpful explanations about what the corpus is and what it does
Collins Cobuild Corpus	http://www.collins.co.uk/corpus/CorpusSearch.aspx	
Oxford English Corpus	http://www.askoxford.com/oec/	
Imperial War Museum	http://www.iwm.org.uk/server/show/nav.00100n	A great resource for studying the representation of war. Several online exhibitions such as Women and War, Media and War and The Battle of the Somme include letters from soldiers, recruiting ads from the time, propaganda etc
Creature Discomforts	http://www.creaturediscomforts.org/attitude	Part of the Leonard Cheshire Dis/ability campaign. Good material for representation of disability

ENGA2 Section B - Producing Representations

Author	Title	Description
Rob Pope	Textual Intervention	An excellent book for teachers which offers different angles on rewriting texts and making an 'intervention' in language discourses. Very interesting reading and helpful for teachers preparing students for the production and investigation coursework tasks
Various authors	...For Dummies series	The 'Writing x for Dummies' series has some very readable material on the process of writing for different audiences and genres, including writing for children, screenwriting and romance novels
Steve Campsall's Englishbiz site	http://www.englishbiz.co.uk/	A great resource for students to use to improve their own writing. Very user-friendly and accessible. And best of all, designed by a real-life English teacher!

ENGA3 - Language Explorations

Author	Title	Description
Jennifer Jenkins	World Englishes: a resource book for students	Another excellent Routledge book that will help both students and teachers. Ranges from the basics in section A to much more advanced material in B-D.
David Crystal	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The Fight for English The Stories of English 	A particularly interesting riposte to the prescriptivism of Humphrys, Truss et al. The stories of English looks at the different narratives of language change in English
Susie Dent	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The Language Report: 2007 Language on the Move 2006 The, Like, Report, For Real Language 2005 Fanboys and Overdogs 2004 Larpers and Shroomers 	The annual report from the frontlines of language change. Always has very interesting and up to date examples and enlightening discussions around new words
Kerry Maxwell	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> From AI Desko to Zorbing Brave New Words 	New words and their origins, with comments from an experienced lexicographer
Peter Stockwell	Sociolinguistics: a resource book for students	A Routledge Introductions text which is excellent on all manner of language varieties
Deborah Cameron	The Myth of Mars and Venus	A well-judged response to the Female Brain, Men Are From Mars and If Men Could Talk school of popular linguistics/ psychobabble
Mary M Talbot	Language and Gender	A very readable introduction to gender and spoken language. First chapter is particularly helpful for putting the deficit, dominance and difference models in perspective
Jean Aitchison,	Language Change - Progress or Decay?	A thorough look at attitudes to language change
Melvyn Bragg	The Adventure of English	Accessible and popular book on the history of the language. Accompanying videos are very good too
Terttu Nevalainen	An Introduction to Early Modern English	A very thorough guide to Early Modern English complete with very good range of textual examples
Joan Beal	Language and Region	A very usable text for students on accent and dialect
Adrian Beard	Language Change	Excellent text for encouraging students to work from the textual level, outwards to an understanding of change and context on a wider level

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British Library Sounds Familiar site	http://www.bl.uk/learning/langlit/sounds/index.html	An invaluable resource including sound clips of many varieties of English
BBC Voices project	http://www.bbc.co.uk/voices/	A wide-ranging resource with articles and sound files about language in use around the UK and connected language issues
BBC History timeline	http://www.bbc.co.uk/history/british/launch_timeline_english.shtml	A very student-friendly timeline with interactive features
The Routes of English	http://www.bbc.co.uk/radio4/routesofenglish/index.shtml	The website to accompany Melvyn Bragg's BBC series and books
International Dialects of English site	http://web.ku.edu/idea/europe/english/and/england.htm	Downloadable audio files of various regional accents

ENGA4 - Language Investigations and Interventions

Author	Title	Description
Angela Goddard	Researching Language: English Project Work at A Level and Beyond	Very clear guide to language investigation
Alison Wray and Aileen Bloomer	Projects in Linguistics	Full of great ideas for language investigations and developing methodologies
Mark Sebba	Focussing on Language	Booklet designed for helping students carry out investigations
Teachit www.teachit.co.uk	Hot on the Trail	A step by step online guide to carrying out investigations
Susan Cockcroft	Investigating Talk	Good focus on spoken language in all its varieties