

GCSE English Specifications: Unit Overview and Links



English

English Language

English Literature

Content common to English and English Language

Unit 1: Understanding and producing non-fiction texts	40%
Reading	20%
Writing	20%
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Unit 2: Speaking and Listening	20%
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Unit 3: Understanding and producing creative texts	40%
Reading literary texts:	20%
Shakespeare	
Exploring cultures	
Literary Heritage	20%
Creative writing	
Controlled Assessment	

Unit 3: Understanding spoken and written texts and writing creatively	40%
Spoken language investigation	10%
Extended text study: fiction or non-fiction	15%
Creative writing	15%
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Unit 1: Exploring modern texts	40%
Modern prose and drama	20%
Exploring cultures	20%
Externally Assessed	

EITHER

OR

Unit 2: Poetry across time	35%
Literary Heritage plus Contemporary poetry, including comparative study	35%
Externally Assessed	

Unit 4: Approaching Shakespeare and the Literary Heritage	35%
Shakespeare	35%
Literary Heritage	
Externally Assessed	

Unit 3: The significance of Shakespeare and the Literary Heritage	25%
Shakespeare	25%
A linked study of Shakespeare and Literary Heritage text	
Controlled Assessment	

Unit 5: Exploring Poetry	25%
Literary Heritage plus Contemporary poetry, including a comparative study and poetry in performance	25%
Controlled Assessment	

Colour coding indicates links between specifications