

GCSE English Language – Revision (Exam Board = AQA)

Exam Breakdown:

Paper	Sections	What is assessed?	Time allowed
Paper 1: Explorations in Creative Reading and Writing	Section A: Reading	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Reading 1 fiction story • Answer 4 questions • 40 marks 	1 hr 45 mins
	Section B: Writing	1 extended writing question (24 marks for content, 16 marks for technical accuracy = 40 marks)	
Paper 2: Writers' Viewpoints and Perspectives	Section A: Reading	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Reading 2 non-fiction texts • Answer 4 questions • 40 marks 	1 hr 45 mins
	Section B: Writing	1 extended writing question (24 marks for content, 16 marks for technical accuracy = 40 marks)	

Good revision websites:

- BBC Bitesize: <https://www.bbc.co.uk/bitesize/examspecs/zcbchv4>
- Revision booklet: https://studywise.co.uk/wp-content/uploads/GCSE_English_Language_Papers_1_and_2_Revision_Guide.pdf
- Revision notes, flashcards and mind maps: https://getrevising.co.uk/resources?q=&level_id%5B%5D=gcse&subject_id%5B%5D=english&board_id%5B%5D=aqa&topic%5B%5D=Creative+writing&topic%5B%5D=Language+Techniques&topic%5B%5D=Language+devices&topic%5B%5D=Non-fiction+texts&topic%5B%5D=Paper+1&topic%5B%5D=Writing+to+advise&topic%5B%5D=Writing+to+argue&topic%5B%5D=Writing+to+describe&topic%5B%5D=Writing+to+explain&topic%5B%5D=Writing+to+inform&topic%5B%5D=language+techniques

Past papers:

- From AQA: <https://www.aqa.org.uk/subjects/english/gcse/english-language-8700/assessment-resources?f.Resource+type%7C6=Question+papers>
- From Revision World: <https://revisionworld.com/a2-level-level-revision/english-language-gcse-level/english-language-gcse-past-papers/aqa-gcse-english-language-past-papers>

Revision videos:

- 'The English Teacher': <https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCep3SR3KaDzg8jSe12tGnGg>
- 'Mr Bruff': <https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCM2vdqz-7e4HAuzhpFuRY8w>