

WJEC GCSE English Language Resources Guide

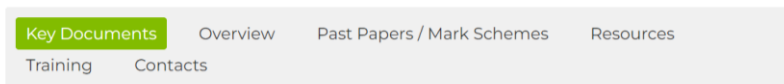
This booklet provides an overview of the support, guidance and resources available to those teaching the WJEC GCSE English Language specification across our suite of websites.

Subject webpage <p>The WJEC GCSE English Language subject webpage on the WJEC website is the starting place for anyone teaching the specification and contains a range of official documentation relating to the qualification including the specification, sample assessment materials and past papers.</p>	Portal <p>The WJEC Portal is a secure area for centres to access resources. These include past papers and marking schemes (ahead of their publication on the public website), as well as access to CPD materials.</p> <p><i>For teachers to access Portal, they will need a username and password, this will be set up by their Examinations Officer.</i></p> <p><i>Answers to frequently asked questions about Portal can be found here.</i></p>
Online Exam Review <p>The Online Exam Review website hosts marked examination exemplar in an interactive digital format.</p>	Educational Resources <p>The Educational Resources website hosts free digital resources created by our dedicated team of subject experts and web developers to support the teaching and learning of WJEC qualifications.</p>

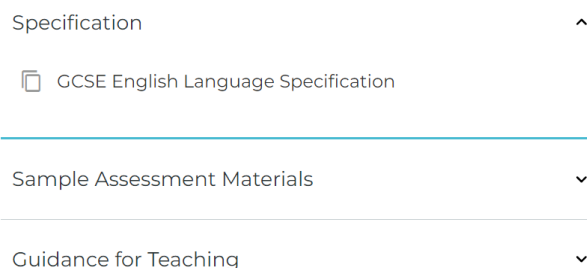
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1. Key Documents

A list of key documents is available on the [subject webpage](#) of the WJEC website and is available by selecting [Key Documents](#).



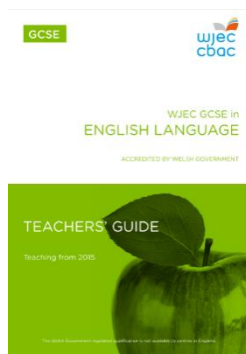
The documents are arranged in categories, and the documents in each category can be viewed by clicking the downward arrow alongside the category name.



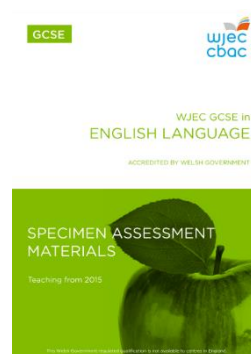
Below are direct links to some of the documents that you will need to get started teaching the qualification.



[GCSE English Language: Specification](#)

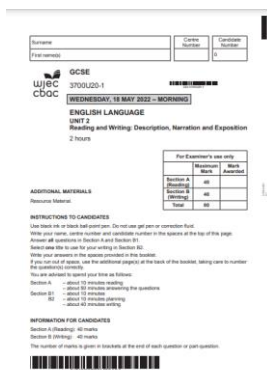


[GCSE English Language: Guidance for Teaching](#)



[GCSE English Language: Sample Assessment Materials](#)

2. Past Papers



Question papers from past examination series are available for:

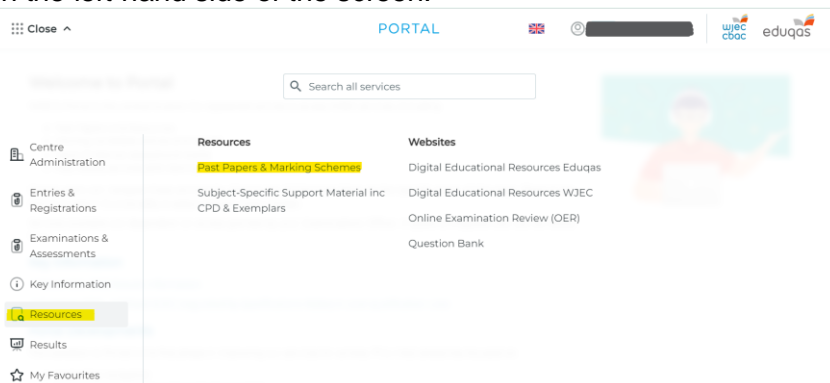
Unit 1 – Oracy

Unit 2 – Reading and Writing: Description, Narration and Exposition

Unit 3 – Reading and Writing: Argumentation, Persuasion and Instructional

Past papers on Portal (the day after the end of each examination series)

Past papers are published initially on [Portal](#) the day after the end of each examination series. To locate the past papers, select '**Past Papers & Marking Schemes**' from the '**Resources**' menu on the left-hand side of the screen:



Then use the dropdown menus to choose the papers that you are looking for:

Options

Subject

English Language

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Publication Year

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English

Brand

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Past papers on public website

Past papers are published on the public website approximately one year after results for a series have been issued:

Series	Past Papers on public website
June series	Between 1 and 31 July, the year after the examination has taken place
November series	Between 1 and 31 December, the year after the examination has taken place

They can be accessed on the [subject webpage](#) under the [Past Papers / Mark Schemes](#) tab.

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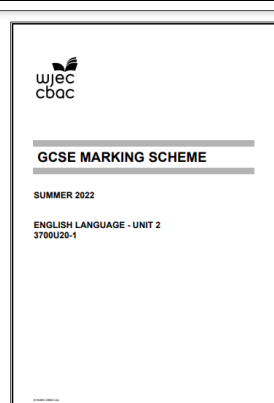
2023

Past Paper - Summer - English Language Unit 1
Oracy:Oracy

Past Paper - Summer - English Language Unit 2
Description:Reading and Writing: Description,
Narration and Exposition [Resource]

Past Paper - Summer - English Language Unit3
Argumentation:Reading & Writing: Argumentation
Persuasion & Instructional [Resource]

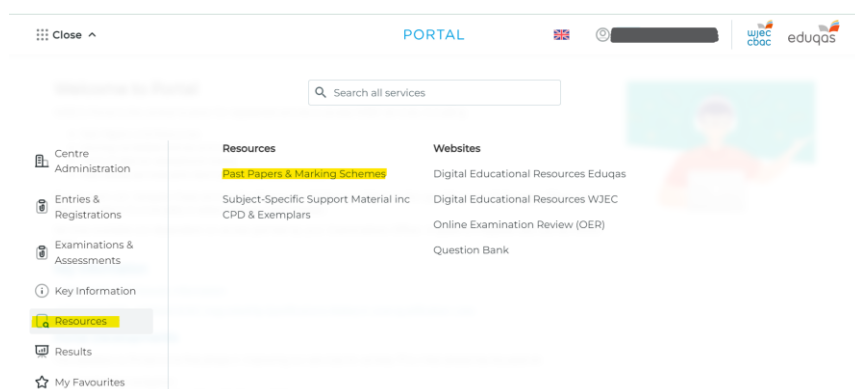
3. Marking Schemes



Marking schemes are available to accompany question papers from past examination series, providing instructions on how to apply the marking criteria, examples of indicative content, and assessment grids articulating the banded descriptors for different levels of responses.

Marking schemes on Portal (from Results Day)

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2023

Mark Scheme - Summer - English Language Unit 2

Description:Reading and Writing: Description, Narration and Exposition

Mark Scheme - Summer - English Language Unit3

Argumentation:Reading & Writing: Argumentation Persuasion & Instructional

4. Principals' Reports



Principals' reports provide helpful observations and commentary on candidates' performance on the examined series.

Interim Principals' reports are published on Results Day for each series and are available on the [subject webpage](#) under [Key Documents > Examiners' Reports](#).

A final report providing detailed commentary on candidate performance in each unit will be uploaded to the website approximately a month later.

GCSE Interim Examiners' Report
English Language
GCSE
Summer 2024



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GCSE English Language Specification

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Examiners' Reports

GCSE English Language Examiners' Report November 2023

GCSE English Language Examiners' Report Summer 2023

GCSE English Language Examiners' Report November 2022

GCSE English Language Examiners' Report Summer 2022

GCSE English Language Examiners' Report November 2021

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5. Online Exam Review (Marked Exemplar)



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Winter 2022

English

GCSE

GCSE Autumn 2022 WJEC English Language Unit 2

GCSE Autumn 2022 WJEC English Language Unit 3

Summer 2022

GCSE Summer 2022 WJEC English Language Unit 2

GCSE Summer 2022 WJEC English Language Unit 3

Summer 2019

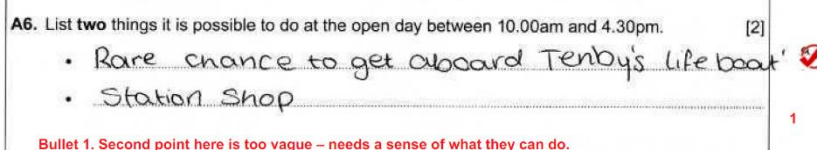
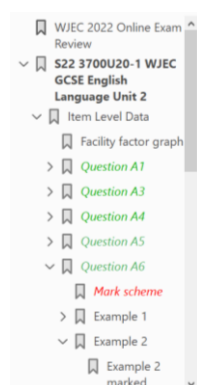
GCSE 2019 Summer WJEC English Language Unit 2

GCSE 2019 Summer WJEC English Language Unit 3

A set of [Online Exam Review](#) material for each exam component is published providing a number of clean and marked exemplars of candidate responses to key questions from previous examinations. These allow learners to review responses and discuss ways in which they may be improved, thus developing their own skills.

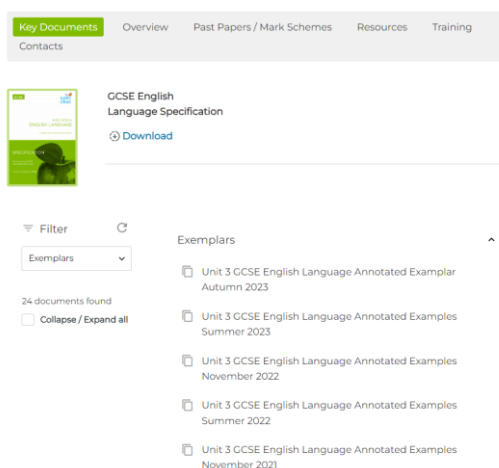
These materials are available on our [Online Exam Review](#) website and under the 'Exemplars' tab under [Key Documents](#) on the subject webpage and are made available shortly after results are issued for each series.

Please note that, from **Summer 2024 onwards**, new exemplar materials will be made available on [Portal](#) only.



If you are accessing the OER document in a web browser and are only able to see a single page, please download the document and re-open it in Adobe Reader in order to fully access the OER material.

Marked versions are available to download from our [subject page](#) as a single pdf document.



6. Newsletters

GCSE English Language and English Literature Newsletter September 2024

Welcome back. We hope you have had a good summer and are returning refreshed for the new term.

1. [Summer 2024 Results](#)
2. [Analysing Candidates' Results](#)
3. [Principal Examiners' Reports](#)
4. [Autumn 2024 Examinations](#)
5. [Professional Learning \(CPD\) 2024/25](#)
6. [Resources](#)
7. [Have you considered becoming an Examiner?](#)
8. [Key dates](#)
9. [WJEC GCSE English Language June 2025 e-submission](#)
10. [Remembering Stuart Sage](#)
11. [Next newsletter](#)

1. [Summer 2024 Results](#)
GCSE results in English Language and English Literature were published in August. The papers and mark schemes are now available to view on our [portal](#). If you don't have access, please contact your exams officer. To locate them, select 'Past Papers & Marking Schemes' from the 'Resources Menu' on the left-hand side of the screen.



Then use the dropdown menus to choose the papers or marking schemes that you are looking for.

Past Papers

INFO: Use the dropdown keys to select subject, level and section and click "search".

Options:

Subject	Level	Type of document	Publication Year	Language
English Language	GCSE	Past Papers	2024	English

[Search](#)

Remember that 26 September is the last date for receipt of applications for Reviews of Marking and Reviews of Moderation (ROM&M) and for the request of electronic copies of scripts for teaching and learning purposes. Please see our website for more details.

Click the [Subscribe for updates](#) button on the right-hand side of the [subject webpage](#) to sign up for email updates about the qualification, including the termly subject-specific newsletters published each September, January and April.

Get the latest subject updates

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Past newsletters are also available from the [subject webpage](#) under Key Documents > *Newsletters*.

[Key Documents](#) Overview Past Papers / Mark Schemes Resources Training

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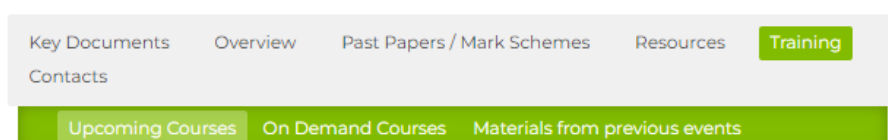
Newsletters

7. Professional Learning Materials

Annual Professional Learning programme

WJEC offers an annual programme of Professional Learning (previously known as CPD) training events, featuring face-to-face and/or online sessions designed for practitioners to get all the latest feedback on assessments, an insight into our teaching resources, and a range of practical tips and strategies for the classroom.

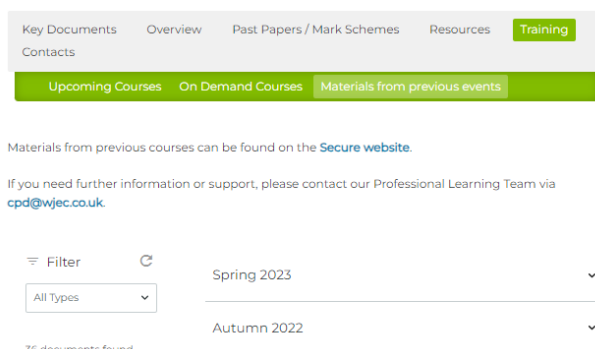
Details of forthcoming sessions are listed on the [subject webpage](#) under [Training > Upcoming Courses](#).



Materials from past Professional Learning events



Materials from Professional Learning training events held in previous years are available on the [subject webpage](#) and can be accessed by selecting [Training > Materials from previous events](#).



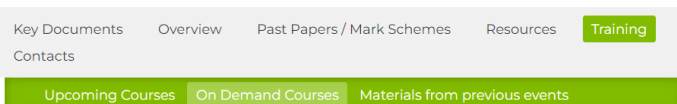
The focus of each year's provision is outlined below.

Autumn 2024	Feedback on Summer Assessment – Online event
Autumn 2024	Qualification Briefing & Q&A – WJEC GCSE English Language & Literature: Specification briefing – Online event
Spring 2025	Preparing to Teach – Face-to-face event
Winter 2024	Assessment and Classroom Practice – Face-to-face event
Autumn 2023	Feedback on Summer Assessment – Online event
Autumn 2022	Assessment > classroom practice – review of the 2022 summer series.
Spring 2022	Assessment > classroom practice – review of the 2021 autumn series
Autumn 2019	Assessment > classroom practice – review of the 2019 summer series; explore A03 approaches to context in assessment and teaching.

Pre-recorded webinars



A number of pre-recorded webinars are available on the [subject webpage](#) under [Training > On Demand Courses](#).



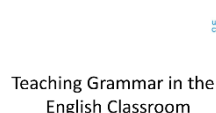
A selection of the available webinars for WJEC GCSE English Language is detailed below.

Teaching the novel and Unseen Prose



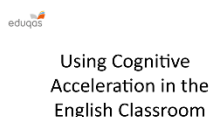
[Pre-recorded webinar](#) The video has been designed to support teachers of all Key Stages in delivering the English curriculum.

Teaching Grammar



[Pre-recorded webinar](#) on teaching grammar in the English classroom. The video has been designed to support students and teachers at all Key Stages in delivering the English curriculum.

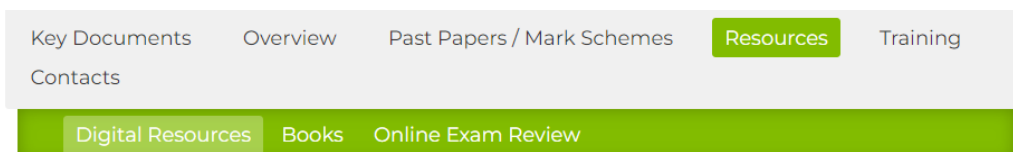
Cognitive Acceleration



[Pre-recorded webinar](#) on using cognitive acceleration in the English Classroom. The video has been designed to support students and teachers at all Key Stages in delivering the English curriculum.

8. Educational Resources

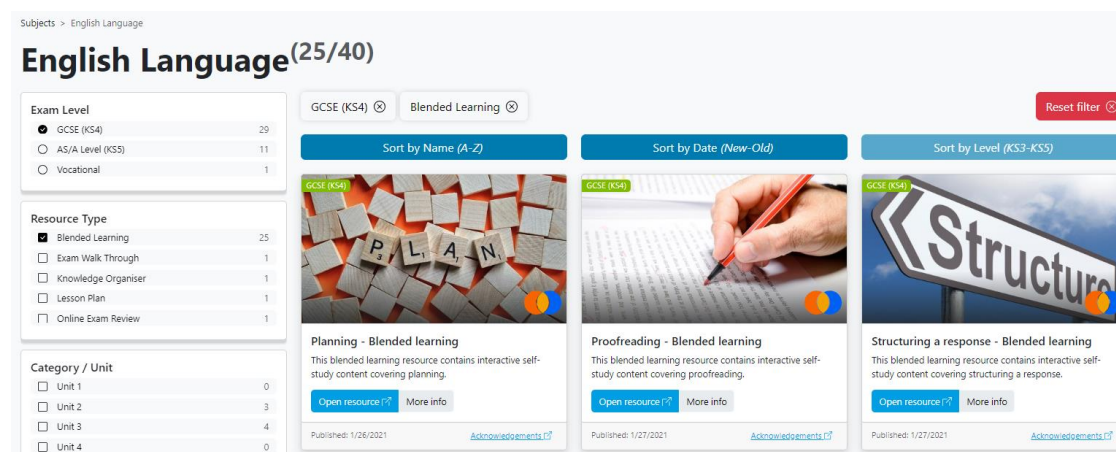
A wide range of free digital resources has been developed to support the teaching and learning of WJEC GCSE English Language and these are available from our [Digital Resources](#) website.



The full range of resources can be accessed [here](#) and a selection of the resources are outlined below.

Blended Learning Resources

Our [Blended Learning](#) resources contains interactive self-study content covering set texts and necessary skills. These resources are designed to complement traditional face-to-face teaching with an online learning pack that allows students to learn at their own pace. It can be used by learners for revision, for catch-up or for flipped learning.



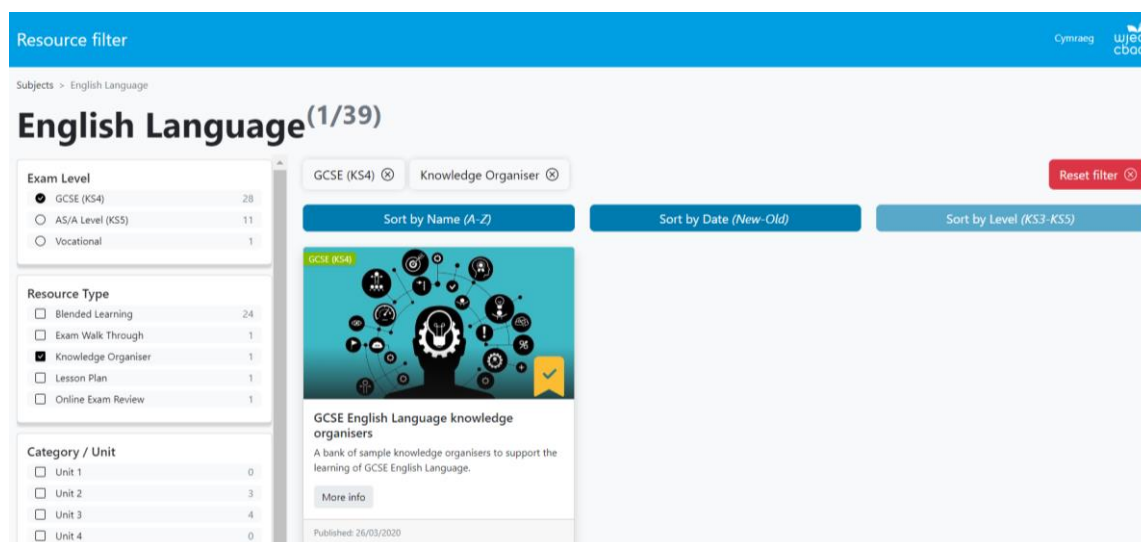
We have Blended Learning resources for the following texts and skills:

1. [Analysing texts](#)
2. [Articles](#)
3. [Bridging Unit: English Language/Literature](#)
4. [Comparison](#)
5. [Description](#)
6. [Developing detail](#)
7. [Editing](#)
8. [Exam writing tasks](#)
9. [Exposition](#)
10. [Guides](#)
11. [Identifying and retrieving](#)
12. [Implied meaning](#)
13. [Letters](#)
14. [Narration](#)
15. [Planning](#)
16. [Proofreading](#)
17. [Reading skills](#)
18. [Reviews](#)

19. [Sequencing information](#)
20. [Structuring a response](#)
21. [Summarising information](#)
22. [Synthesis](#)
23. [Talks](#)
24. [Technical accuracy](#)
25. [Word meaning](#)

Knowledge Organisers

We have a large bank of [Knowledge Organisers](#) that are designed to help support the learning of GCSE English Language. These can be used for revision or as a starting point for learners to create their own information sheets.



The screenshot shows the 'Resource filter' page for 'English Language' on the WJEC CBAC website. The page has a blue header with the WJEC CBAC logo and 'Cymraeg' text. Below the header, the page title is 'English Language (1/39)'. On the left, there are three filter sections: 'Exam Level' (with radio buttons for GCSE (KS4), AS/A Level (KS5), and Vocational), 'Resource Type' (with checkboxes for Blended Learning, Exam Walk Through, Knowledge Organiser, Lesson Plan, and Online Exam Review), and 'Category / Unit' (with checkboxes for Unit 1, Unit 2, Unit 3, and Unit 4). On the right, there are buttons for 'Sort by Name (A-Z)', 'Sort by Date (New-Old)', and 'Sort by Level (KS3-KS5)'. A 'Reset filter' button is also present. The main content area shows a preview of a 'GCSE English Language knowledge organisers' resource, which includes a graphic of a lightbulb with gears and a checklist, and a description: 'A bank of sample knowledge organisers to support the learning of GCSE English Language.' The resource is published on 26/03/2020.

Click on the links below to access each Knowledge Organiser:

1. [Analysing texts](#)
2. [Argumentation](#)
3. [Comparison](#)
4. [Describe](#)
5. [Editing](#)
6. [Exposition](#)
7. [Identifying and retrieving information](#)
8. [Implied meaning](#)
9. [Narrate](#)
10. [Persuasion](#)
11. [Planning and structure](#)
12. [Proofreading and common errors](#)
13. [Sequencing information](#)
14. [Summarising information](#)
15. [Synthesising information](#)
16. [Word meaning](#)
17. [Writing a formal letter](#)
18. [Writing a guide](#)
19. [Writing a review](#)
20. [Writing a talk](#)
21. [Writing an article](#)

Exam Walk Throughs

Our [Exam Walk Throughs](#) offer practical hints and tips on how to effectively approach questions in the examination paper. Using questions from past exam papers, the PowerPoint presentations enable you to walk your learners through a mock examination paper, sharing useful exam techniques. You can walk through the “mock” with your learners in a single sitting, tackle one or two questions at a time or revisit some parts of the presentation to reinforce learning. Additionally, learners could use this resource independently as a revision aid.

Subjects > English Language

English Language^(1/40)

Exam Level

- ☒ GCSE (KS4) 29
- ☐ AS/A Level (KS5) 11
- ☐ Vocational 1

Resource Type


- ☐ Blended Learning 25
- ☒ Exam Walk Through 1
- ☐ Knowledge Organiser 1
- ☐ Lesson Plan 1
- ☐ Online Exam Review 1

Category / Unit

- ☐ Unit 1 0
- ☐ Unit 2 3
- ☐ Unit 3 4
- ☐ Unit 4 0

GCSE (KS4) Exam Walk Through

Sort by Name (A-Z)



Exam walk through - GCSE English Language

Aimed at learners, this Exam Walk Through resource offers practical hints and tips on how to effectively approach questions in the examination paper.

[More info](#)

Resource filter

Subjects > English Language > Exam walk through - GCSE English Language

Exam walk through - GCSE English Language

Aimed at learners, this Exam Walk Through resource offers practical hints and tips on how to effectively approach questions in the examination paper. Using questions from past exam papers, the PPT with audio help and audio script in the notes will walk you through a mock examination paper, helping you revise and practise useful exam techniques. You can complete the “mock” in a single sitting, tackle one or two questions at a time or revisit some parts of the presentation to reinforce your learning.

Make sure you download the PPT to ensure the audio function works effectively, make sure your speakers /headphones are on and don't forget to ask your teacher if there is anything you are unsure of.

Set 1

- [Unit 2](#)
- [Unit 3](#)

Set 2

- [Unit 2](#)
- [Unit 3](#)

9. Grade Boundaries and Exam Results Analysis

Grade boundaries

Grade boundaries from past examination series are available on the [subject webpage](#).

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Grade Boundaries

Grade boundaries are the minimum number of marks needed to achieve each grade.

If you click on 'Grade Boundaries' this will take you to [Administration > Results, Grade Boundaries and PRS](#).

VTQ results for 2024 and beyond

Results Dates and Guides

Grade Boundaries

Post-Results Services and Appeals

You can access unit grade boundaries and raw mark to UMS information in our [Grade converter](#) here.

Grade boundary information is available for every unit. Make sure you select the correct information from the dropdown.

Year: 2024 Session: GCSE June Brand: WJEC Subject: ENGLISH LANGUAGE (3700) Option: QUALIFICATION

GCSE June 2024 ENGLISH LANGUAGE (3700)

Grade	*	A	B	C	D	E	F	G	U	What is a UMS?
Raw Mark	Grade Boundary	316	280	244	208	167	126	086	046	000

Exam Results Analysis

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Reports

- Centre Performance
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Results

- Candidate Results (Slips)
- Component Marks
- Component Marks (linear)
- Cumulative Results (Slips)
- File Download - Print Results
- Summary of Subject Results
- View Script Access

Exam Results Analysis can be used by teachers to:

- evaluate their own performance against specification norms.
- identify strengths and weaknesses for a candidate cohort and suggest areas of improvement.
- assist individual candidates in improving their own performance.

It can be accessed on [Portal](#) which allows you to compare your students' performance on each question with that of the candidature overall, letting you see where they have done well and where there might be room for improvement. To do this, under the 'Results' tab, click on 'Item Level Data' or 'Centre Performance' for comparable data.

10. Key Dates


GCSE ENGLISH LANGUAGE

Important Dates for 2024-2025	
26 September	June 2024 Series: Final date for receipt of Reviews of Marking
16 October	WJEC GCSE English Language: Feedback on summer assessments Free online event 4pm-6pm – Book you place now
4 November	November 2024 Series: GCSE English Language Unit 2 Examination
5 November	November 2024 Series: Unit 1 Oracy moderation deadline
6 November	November 2024 Series: GCSE English Language Unit 3 Examination
25 November	WJEC GCSE English Language & Literature: Specification briefing Free online event 3:30-5pm – Book you place now
2 December	WJEC GCSE English Language & Literature: Specification briefing Free online event 3:30-5pm – Book you place now
9 December	WJEC GCSE English Language & Literature: Specification briefing Free online event 3:30-5pm – Book you place now
9 January	November 2024 Series: Results published
13 February	November 2024 Series: Final date for receipt of Reviews of Marking
21 February	Summer 2025 Series: Last date receipt of Summer Entries
18 March	Summer 2025 Series: Last date for entry amendments without late fees
24 March	Summer 2025 Series: Unit 1 Oracy moderation deadline
23 May	Summer 2025 Series: GCSE English Language Unit 2 Examination
6 June	Summer 2025 Series: GCSE English Language Unit 3 Examination
21 August	Summer 2025 Series: Results published

A list of key dates for WJEC GCSE English Language is available on the [subject webpage](#) under [Key Documents > Key Information](#).

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English Language Key Dates 2024-25

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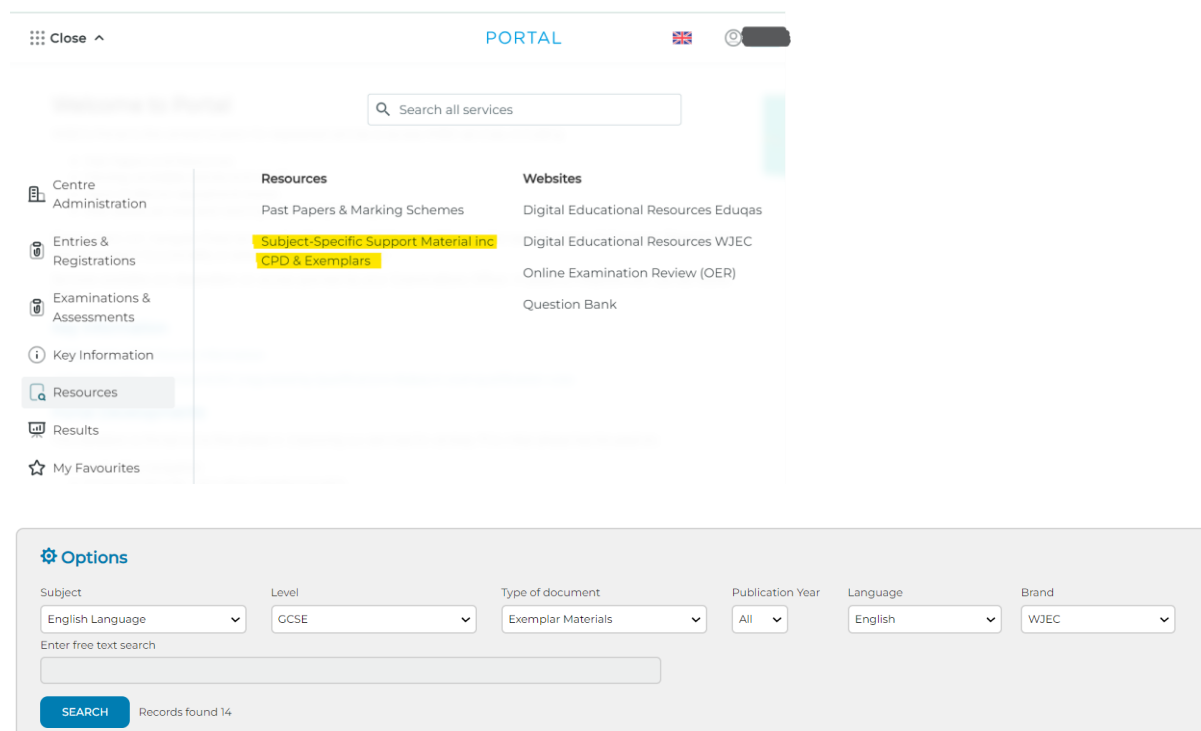
Published at the start of each academic year, this document gives you all the important dates you need to plan for the year ahead.

11. Non-Examination Assessment

NEA Standardising Exemplar

NEA standardising exemplars are available on [Portal](#) to support teachers standardising the marking of the NEA assessment.

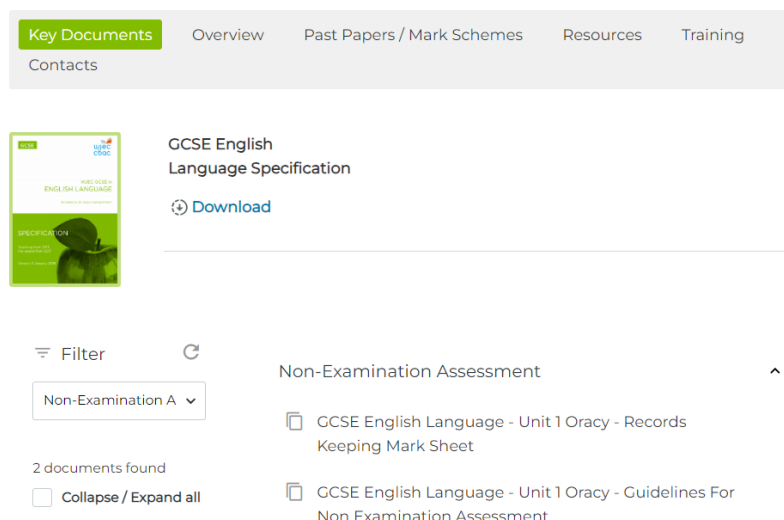
The exemplars can be located by selecting '**Subject-Specific Support Material including CPD and Exemplars**' on the '**Resources**' tab and then selecting '**Exemplar Materials**' as the document type. Remember to select the WJEC brand in the 'Options' filters.



The screenshot shows the WJEC Portal interface. At the top, there's a 'Close' button and the 'PORTAL' header. A search bar is present. On the left, a sidebar lists various services: Centre Administration, Entries & Registrations, Examinations & Assessments, Key Information, Resources (highlighted), Results, and My Favourites. The main content area is divided into 'Resources' and 'Websites'. Under 'Resources', 'Subject-Specific Support Material including CPD & Exemplars' is highlighted. Under 'Websites', 'Digital Educational Resources WJEC' is listed. Below this, an 'Options' section allows filtering by Subject (English Language), Level (GCSE), Type of document (Exemplar Materials), Publication Year (All), Language (English), and Brand (WJEC). A 'SEARCH' button is at the bottom of the options section, with 'Records found 14' displayed next to it.

Non-Examination Assessment Guidance Documents

Documents to aid centres in administering the Unit 1 Oracy assessment is available on the subject [subject webpage](#) under [Key Documents](#).



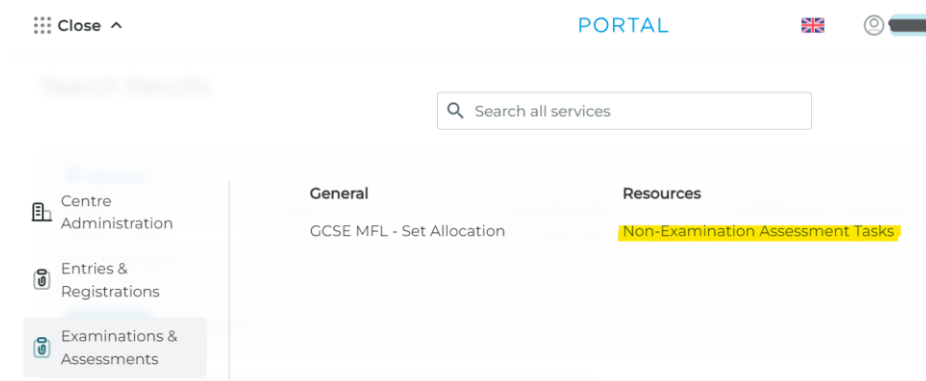
The screenshot shows the 'Key Documents' section of the subject webpage. It features a navigation bar with 'Key Documents' (active), 'Overview', 'Past Papers / Mark Schemes', 'Resources', and 'Training'. Below the navigation bar, there's a section for 'GCSE English Language Specification' with a 'Download' button. A 'Filter' section on the left shows 'Non-Examination A' selected. The main content area lists two documents: 'GCSE English Language - Unit 1 Oracy - Records Keeping Mark Sheet' and 'GCSE English Language - Unit 1 Oracy - Guidelines For Non Examination Assessment'. At the bottom, it indicates '2 documents found' and provides a 'Collapse / Expand all' option.

These documents include:

- **Unit 1 Oracy [Record Keeping Mark Sheet](#)** – should be completed for all candidates, not just for those candidates selected for the sample to be sent to the moderator.
- **Unit 1 Oracy [Guidelines for Non-Examination Assessment](#)** – this document contains information on the arrangements for the non-examination assessment including task setting, task taking and task marking.

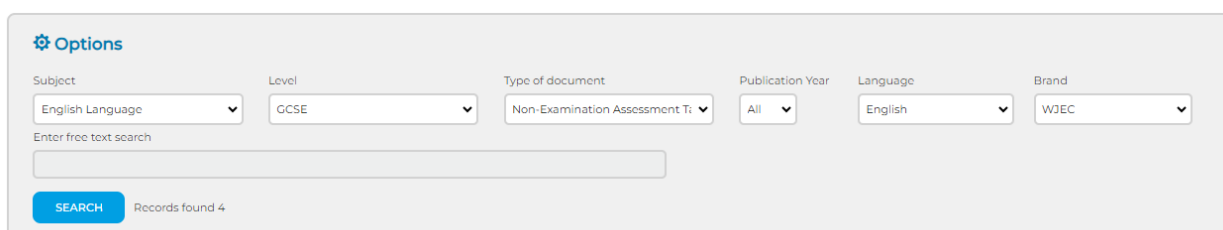
Stimulus Material

Stimulus material for the Task 2 group discussion is available on [Portal](#). The material can be accessed by selecting '**Non-Examination Assessment Tasks**' from the '**Examination and Assessment**' tab.



The screenshot shows the WJEC Portal interface. At the top, there's a 'Close' button and the 'PORTAL' header. Below the header, there's a search bar labeled 'Search all services'. On the left, there's a sidebar with 'Centre Administration', 'Entries & Registrations', and 'Examinations & Assessments'. The main area is divided into 'General' and 'Resources' tabs. Under 'Resources', the 'Non-Examination Assessment Tasks' option is highlighted in yellow.

Within the search options select '**Non-Examination Assessment Tasks**' as the document type and select the '**WJEC**' as the brand.



The screenshot shows the 'Options' search filter form. It includes dropdown menus for 'Subject' (English Language), 'Level' (GCSE), 'Type of document' (Non-Examination Assessment Tasks), 'Publication Year' (All), 'Language' (English), and 'Brand' (WJEC). There is also a 'Free text search' input field and a 'SEARCH' button. Below the search button, it says 'Records found 4'.

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