

# GCSE English Language

## Part A - Bridging Work Task

This is a fantastic opportunity to expand your understanding of GCSE English Language as you prepare for enrolment and start at Franklin in September.

Please complete the work and bring a copy to your enrolment, either printed or electronically.

The work will take you around **2 hours** so plan your time to best suit you.

<b>How do I complete and submit my task?</b>	<p>Complete the tasks on paper/handwritten or digitally, and bring a copy, either paper or electronically, to your enrolment appointment. Also, bring this along to your first lesson in September.</p> <p>If you didn't attend the Taster Day, don't worry. It isn't essential for completing this work, but please ensure that you have completed this bridging work.</p>
<b>Introduction to your Bridging Task</b>	<p>This task will give you an introduction to the first topics you can expect to study in September:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• GCSE Paper 1 Explorations in Creative Reading and Writing</li></ul>
<b>Task details</b>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"><li>1. Select a book that you have read and complete the book review using the template.</li><li>2. Select the opening paragraph from a book of your choice and write a paragraph answering the following question: How has the writer used language and structure in the opening to 'hook' you as a reader?</li><li>3. Using the story title 'Discovery', write an interesting and engaging opening paragraph for your story that is at least 150 words in length.</li></ol>
<b>Resources to help you with the Bridging Task</b>	<p>Book review template: <a href="#">Book Review Template</a></p>

Extension Tasks	
<b>Extension Tasks to stretch and challenge you</b>	<p>If you have completed the above to the best of your ability, feel free to try this extension task (<i>this is optional</i>):</p> <p>Complete the rest of your story, making sure you include the following:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Clear beginning, middle and end</li> <li>• Six different pieces of punctuation</li> <li>• A minimum of five paragraphs</li> <li>• A range of simple, compound, and complex sentences</li> <li>• A range of language features (such as: simile, metaphor, personification, adjectives, adverbs etc.)</li> </ul>
<b>Massive Open Online Courses (MOOCs)</b>	<p>You might enrol on this online course and complete the following to push you a little further (this is optional):</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <a href="#">Seneca Course</a></li> </ul>

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## Part B – Preparing for Studying at Franklin

A fantastic opportunity to widen your understanding of the course.

<b>Examining Board and Specification</b>	<p>The course follows AQA’s GCSE English Language (8700) specification. You can find out more on the AQA website, including the full specification: <a href="#">AQA GCSE English Language 8700</a></p> <p>Although the content will be familiar to you, we offer a fresh approach with supportive staff to help you achieve during your time with us.</p> <p>GCSE English will set you on the right path to your future. You will develop your ability to read a range of texts from the 19th to the 21st Century, covering many different topics.</p> <p><b>Studying this course will give you a wide range of skills:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Reading</li><li>• Writing (in different forms)</li><li>• Communication (written and spoken)</li><li>• Debating</li><li>• Forming an argument</li></ul> <p><b>Progression after this course:</b></p> <p>The study of English enables you to develop skills which will benefit you at college and in the outside world. Better spoken and written skills will impact on your ability to get yourself noticed and will provide a strong foundation to build on as you enter your desired workplace.</p>
<b>Preparing for the course</b>	<p><b>Here are some helpful sources of information if you would like further information about the subject:</b></p> <p><b>Websites</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Watch Mr Bruff’s YouTube Channel for GCSE English Language: <a href="#">Mr Bruff - YouTube</a></li><li>• Check out the BBC Bitesize website: <a href="#">GCSE English Language - AQA - BBC Bitesize</a></li><li>• GCSE revision podcast: <a href="#">GCSE Podcast</a></li></ul> <p><b>Books</b></p>

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