

GCSE

# English Language



# What is English Language?

## Purpose:

- Enhances **communication skills**, both **written** and **spoken**.
- Improves **literacy** and **language use**.
- Develops **skills** that are valuable in everyday life, including **persuasive communication** and **understanding of texts**.

## Subject-Specific Skills:

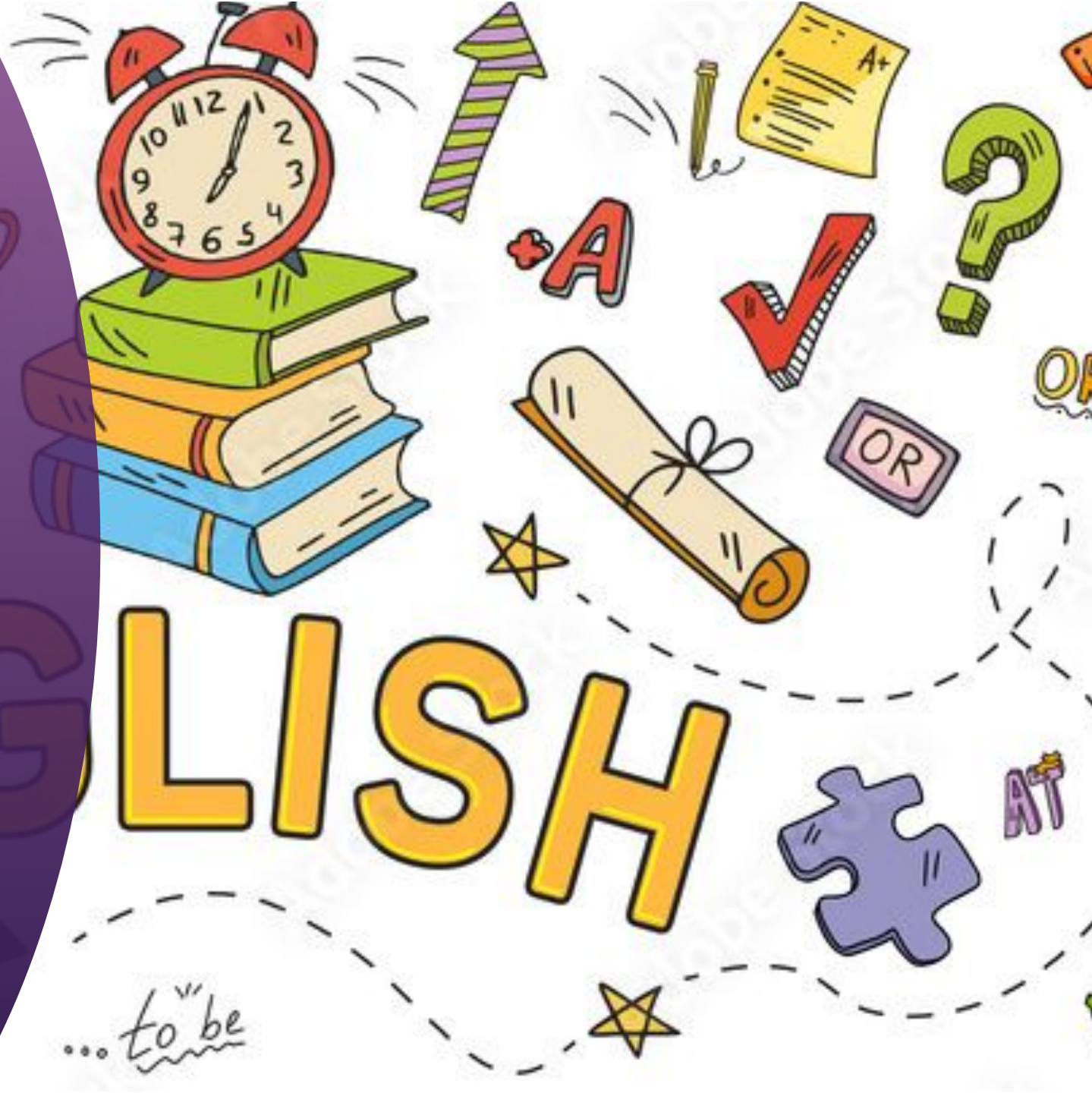
- **Reading comprehension:** Understanding and analysing different types of texts. Crafting clear, coherent, and purposeful written work to suit different writing styles.

## Key Career Skills:

- **Effective communication** (both verbal and written); **critical thinking** and **analysis**; **organisation** and **structuring** of ideas.

## Industries:

- Media and Journalism (writing articles, news reporting)
- Advertising and Marketing (copywriting, content creation)
- Public Relations and Communications (press releases, presentations)
- Business and Management (report writing, communication with clients)
- Creative Industries (content creation, scriptwriting, publishing).





## Course Overview and Structure.

### **AQA English Language Paper 1** **80 marks / 50%**

- Explorations in creative reading and writing

### **AQA English Language Paper 2** **80 marks / 50%**

- Writers' viewpoints and perspectives



## Assessment

English Literature is a **GCSE** award graded from 1-9. This consists of **two** examinations lasting two hours each.

### Reading (AO1–AO4)

- **AO1 – Identify and interpret information and ideas**
  - Identify and interpret explicit and implicit information and ideas.
  - Select and synthesise evidence from different texts.
- **AO2 – Analyse language, form, and structure**
  - Explain, comment on, and analyse how writers use language and structure to achieve effects and influence readers.
  - Use relevant subject terminology to support analysis.
- **AO3 – Compare writers' ideas and perspectives**
  - Compare different writers' ideas and perspectives.
  - Show how these are conveyed across two or more texts.
- **AO4 – Evaluate texts critically**
  - Evaluate texts critically and support this with appropriate textual references.

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## Assessment

### Writing (AO5–AO6)

- **AO5 – Communicate clearly, effectively, and imaginatively**
  - Adapt tone, style, and register for different forms, purposes, and audiences.
  - Organise information and ideas using structural and grammatical features.
- **AO6 – Use a range of vocabulary and sentence structures**
  - Use a range of vocabulary and sentence structures for clarity, purpose, and effect.
  - Use accurate spelling and punctuation.

### Spoken Language (AO7–AO9) (Assessed Separately)

- **AO7 – Demonstrate presentation skills**
  - Speak clearly and effectively in presentations.
- **AO8 – Listen and respond**
  - Listen to and respond appropriately to spoken language.
- **AO9 – Use spoken Standard English**
  - Use spoken Standard English effectively in formal settings.

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- **Critical thinking**
- **Analysis**
- **Organisation and structuring of ideas**
- **Literacy skills**



# Future career opportunities

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# Future study opportunities

Studying **English Language** can lead to further study in:

- Any relevant subject at Level 3 (A level), for example at **NSG** we offer:
  - **A Level English Language**
  - **A Level English Literature**
  - **A Level English Language and Literature**
  - **A Level History**
  - **A Level Geography**
  - **A Level Ethics and Philosophy**
  - **Or any other essay based A Level or BTEC subject.**