

TERM 1

Introduction to Language Levels

Students explore and familiarise themselves with lexis, semantics, phonetics, phonology, prosody, grammar, graphology and discourse

Modes of Discourse

Power and Persuasion: Advertising, Journalism

Power of Storytelling: Children's Literature, Openings for Novels through Time

Power of Information: Advisory Texts

MODULES/UNITS: A2

CHILD LANGUAGE DEVELOPMENT

Students will explore:

- the functions of children's language
- the phonological, pragmatic, lexical, semantic and grammatical development
- different genres of speech and writing
- different modes of communication (spoken, written, multimodal)
- theories and research about language development.

LANGUAGE DIVERSITY AND CHANGE

Students will explore:

- texts from different periods, from 1600 to the present day
- written, spoken and electronic texts about a range of subjects, for various audiences and purposes in a variety of genres
- items from collections of language data (e.g. dictionaries, online resources, language corpora)
- research findings (e.g. tables, graphs, statistics).

TERM 2

An introduction to sociolinguistics

Topics: power, gender, class, religion, technology, idiolect, sociolect, textual variation, dialect, ethnolect, occupation

TERM 3

An introduction to developing language (4 weeks)

Investigating language (2 weeks)

TERM 3

Language in action

Students conduct a piece of independent research into an area of English language that students are particularly interested in.

It requires students to carry out two different kinds of individual research:

- A LANGUAGE INVESTIGATION (2,000 WORDS EXCLUDING DATA)

Areas of study could be:

- representations of different individuals, social groups or nationalities
- regional dialect
- gendered talk
- the language of new communication technologies
- children's language use
- norms and variations in usages of different kinds
- the language of the media
- code switching and mixing between English and other languages
- the language of different occupations or pastimes
- historical changes in English over time.