

10 Activities to help you to prepare for English Language A Level

If you are thinking of studying for English Language A Level, here are some activities to help you. They focus ideas that you will study on the course and there are reading and writing tasks for you to try.

1. What do the following words mean when applied to a text?

Purpose Audience Format Context

2. Create a list of language terminology that you learned during your GCSE course.
3. Research the definition of the following terms.

Lexis Semantics Graphology Phonology Pragmatics Register

4. Create a mind map of all of the possible formats that you can think of, such as newspapers, blogs etc. Link in the features that you associate with them, for example blogs are online, could use less formal language etc.
5. Which UK newspapers do you know? List them and the features that you associate with this genre? Can you find examples of articles from them?
6. What is a blog? Find an example of a blog online. Print it out, or save it to your computer and analyse it. What is it about? Which language features can you find? Do you agree with the opinions expressed?
7. What are adverts? Find an example of an advert, which you feel is good at persuading the audience and write about how you think the language features are used.
8. Detailed Research task. Find examples of some of the formats that you will study at A Level, such as blogs, online articles etc. Keep these in a file, read them and analyse them for language features.

Creative Tasks

9. Create a **magazine** which expresses your viewpoint about **reality TV shows**. Should they be banned? Do you agree with them? Create a magazine which expresses your opinion about this topic.
10. Create a **blog** about a topic of your own choice. This should give your opinion about a topic, using persuasive techniques to influence your reader.

Good luck