

A level English Language

Component 3:
Investigating Language
(9EN0 03) pre-release
materials (issued 1.12.23)

Location document





9EN0 03 'Investigating Language' pre-release materials December 2023 for the summer 2024 exam series.

General FAQs

Where can I find help on how to approach the language investigation?

You should review the guidance in the specification and in the Getting Started Guide, which has extensive advice. There is also an additional teacher's support guide available.

Should teachers source/buy all the suggested material for the subtopic? Or for all the subtopics? Will resources from this range of subtopics be useful for future subtopics?

Teachers will have different approaches. The books listed under 'general' for each subtopic are likely to be useful resources for teachers delivering A level English Language. Teachers may also be able to borrow these from general or academic libraries with which they have contact. Most teachers will have their students investigating one or perhaps two subtopics, so it is probably unnecessary to purchase all the resources for all subtopics. We have no way of knowing which subtopics will be selected in future, so it's not possible to know to what extent this year's resources will be useful in the future, however the texts in the 'general' section will remain valid from exam series to exam series. We do try to ensure that the majority of subtopic specific resources are available without cost to centres.

What if I can't get hold of a resource?

Teachers should use their professional judgement. There will be many different texts available on 'Global English' for example, so it is not critical to obtain the particular text suggested in the pre-release material. We will be reviewing the availability of the suggested resources and will offer further guidance should the Principal Examiner consider that this would be helpful.

Availability of suggested resources

Prices and availability correct on 27.11.23



NB availability and prices of ebooks are given in places. Students need to be aware that ebooks often do not display graphs, charts and other images well.

Topic: Global English

Subtopic: Belizean Kriol

General

Suggested Resource	Availability	Approximate Cost
Jenkins, J (2015) <i>Global Englishes: A Resource Book for Students</i> . Abingdon: Routledge.	https://www.amazon.co.uk/Englishes-Routledge-English-Language-Introductions/dp/0415638445	£33.99
Kirkpatrick, A. (2007) <i>World Englishes</i> . Cambridge: Cambridge University Press.	https://www.waterstones.com/product/world-englishes-paperback-with-audio-cd/andy-kirkpatrick/9780521616874	£49.36 with audio CD
Schneider, E. (2008) <i>Varieties of English: The Americas and the Caribbean</i> . Berlin: De Gruyter Mouton.	https://www.amazon.co.uk/Varieties-English-Africa-South-Southeast/dp/3110196387/ref=sr_1_1?crid=PF1QMW0DG4B8&keywords=Schneider+English+Africa&qid=1701124434&srefix=schneider+english+africa%2Caps%2C101&sr=8-1	£23.50
	https://www.waterstones.com/book/africa-south-and-southeast-asia/rajend-mesthrie/9783110196382	£23.50

Specific

Suggested Resource	Availability	Approximate Cost
Bilingualistics – summary of key features of Kriol https://bilingualistics.com/belizean-kriol-belizean-creole-and-other-languages-of-belize/	Website	Free to access



<i>Language Ideology, Gender, and Varieties of Belizean Kriol</i> by William Salmon https://www.jstor.org/stable/24572901	Online article	Free to access with free registration to JStor
The Atlas of Pidgin and Creole Language Structures Online https://apics-online.info/surveys/9	Website	Free to access



Topic: Language and Gender Identity
Subtopic: The Language of Drag Queens

General

Suggested Resource	Availability	Approximate Cost
Baker, P. (2008) <i>Sexed Texts: Language, Gender and Sexuality</i> . London: Equinox Publishing Ltd.	Amazon	£15.99
Sunderland, J. (2006) <i>Language and Gender: An Advanced Resource Book</i> (Routledge Applied Linguistics). London: Routledge.	Amazon	£41.16
	https://www.waterstones.com/book/language-and-gender/jane-sunderland/9780415311045	£42.99
Talbot, M. (2010) <i>Language and Gender</i> . Cambridge: Polity Press.	Amazon	£3.33 for Second Edition £17.99 for Third Edition
	https://www.waterstones.com/book/language-and-gender/mary-talbot/9781509530106	£17.99 for Third Edition

Specific

Suggested Resource	Availability	Approximate Cost
<i>Breaking Away From the Binary: Do Drag Queens Adopt a Female Style or a Distinct Drag Queen Speech?</i> By Hannah Essing	Online Journal Article	Free to access



https://www.uni-muenster.de/Ejournals/index.php/satura/article/view/3063/2998		
<p><i>"You all are sisters! We are all Family!" The Construction of Parenthood in RuPaul's Drag Race</i> by Davide Passa</p> <p>View of "You all are sisters! We are all family!" The construction of parenthood in 'RuPaul's Drag Race' (linguaculture.ro)</p>	Online Journal Article	Free to access
<p><i>Performative Discourse of Drag Queens: A Sociolinguistic Study</i> By Maria Szymańska</p> <p>https://cejsh.icm.edu.pl/cejsh/element/bwmeta1.element.ojs-doi-10_18778_1731-7533_18_1_02</p>	PDF available for download.	Free to access



Topic: Language and Journalism

Subtopic: Editorials

General

Suggested Resource	Availability	Approximate Cost
Finch, G. (2013) <i>Word of Mouth: A New Introduction to Language and Communication</i> (2nd edition). London: Palgrave Macmillan.	Amazon	£7.83
	Bloomsbury - Word of Mouth: A New Introduction to Language and Communication: Geoffrey Finch: Bloomsbury Academic	£23.09
Higgins, M. and Smith, A. (2013) <i>The Language of Journalism: A Multi-genre Perspective</i> . London: Bloomsbury.	The Language of Journalism: A Multi-genre Perspective eBook : Smith, Angela, Higgins, Michael: Amazon.co.uk: Books	£6.99 for First Edition £18.20 for Second Edition
	The British Newspaper Archive	Free to access

Specific

Suggested Resource	Availability	Approximate Cost
<i>Editorial Journalism and Newspapers' Editorial Opinions</i> by Julie Firmstone Editorial Journalism and Newspapers' Editorial Opinions Oxford Research Encyclopedia of Communication	Online Article	Free to access
A corpus-based comparative ideational meta-functional analysis of Pakistani English and UK English newspaper editorials on COVID-19: A corpus-	Online Research Article	Free to access



based comparative ideational meta-functional analysis of Pakistani English and UK English newspaper editorials on COVID-19 (tandfonline.com)		
<i>A multi-dimensional study of diachronic variation in British newspaper editorials</i> by Sidra Fatima https://www.academia.edu/35527145/A_multi_dimensional_study_of_diachronic_variation_in_British_newspaper_editorials	Online Article	Free to access with free registration to Academia



Topic: Language and Power

Subtopic: Party Political and Election Broadcasts

General

Suggested Resource	Availability	Approximate Cost	Comments
Fairclough, N. (2014) <i>Language and Power. 3rd edition</i> . Oxford: Routledge.	Amazon	£41.99	This is a fairly dense, academic text.
Mooney, A. and Evans, B. (2018) <i>Language, Society and Power. 5th edition</i> . Oxford: Routledge.	Amazon	£4.58 for Fourth Edition £28.99 for Fifth Edition	
Simpson, P. and Mayr, A. (2010) <i>Language and Power: A Resource Book for Students</i> . Oxford: Routledge.	Amazon	£10.56	There is a new version of this text available: Simpson, P., Mayr, A. and Statham, S. (2018) <i>Language and Power: A Resource Book for Students</i> . Oxford: Routledge. Language and Power: A Resource Book for Students (Routledge English Language Introductions): Amazon.co.uk: Simpson, Paul, Mayr, Andrea, Statham, Simon: 9781138569270: Books £31.40



Specific

Suggested Resource	Availability	Approximate Cost	Comments
<i>Party election broadcasts: How have they changed and do they still matter?</i> By Jennifer Scott https://www.bbc.co.uk/news/uk-politics-50054025	Online Article	Free to Access	
<i>British Party Election Broadcasts (2001, 2005 and 2010): Ideological Framing, Storytelling, Individualisation</i> By David Haigron https://journals.openedition.org/inmedia/455	Website article	Free to access	
<i>Informalization in UK party election broadcasts 1966–97</i> by Michael Pearce https://www.researchgate.net/publication/228803792_Informalization_in_UK_party_election_broadcasts_1966-97	Website Article/ Downloadable PDF	Free to access	



Topic: Regional Language Variation

Subtopic: Greater Manchester

General

Suggested Resource	Availability	Approximate Cost
Kortmann, B. and Upton, C. (Eds.) (2008) <i>A Handbook of Varieties of English 1: The British Isles</i> . New York: Mouton de Gruyter.	https://www.amazon.co.uk/British-Isles-Varieties-English/dp/3110196352/ref=sr_1_1?crid=2MOQ4NQARPDVQ&keywords=varieties+of+english+kortmann&qid=1701131820&srefix=Kortmann+%2Caps%2C52&sr=8-1	£12.99
Beal, J.C. (2010) <i>An Introduction to Regional Englishes: Dialect Variation in England</i> , Edinburgh: Edinburgh University Library.	Amazon	£10.45
The International Dialects of English Archive: https://www.dialectsarchive.com/england	Free to access	

Specific

Suggested Resource	Availability	Approximate Cost	Comments
The Manchester Voices Project: https://www.manchestervoices.org/	Website	Free to access	
<i>Manchester English</i> by Maciej Baranowski https://www.researchgate.net/publication/300227064_Manchester_English	Online Article/PDF available to download	Free to access	



<i>Stop ya chattin'! Man Met Uni linguist on 'accent loyalty', dialect maps and stereotypes</i> by Becky Waterworth https://www.mancunianmatters.co.uk/life/07082015-stop-ya-chattin-man-met-uni-linguist-on-accent-loyalty-dialect-maps-and-stereotypes/	Website	Free to access	
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