



Open access to resources for home educators, private tutors and private candidates

The majority of the resources on our webpages are open access. A few resources have a silver padlock. This is either because they contain material with copyright restrictions (anthologies), or because teachers in schools and colleges require an assessment to remain secure for a period so that they can use it as a mock assessment.

Silver-padlocked documents can only be accessed by Edexcel teachers in Edexcel centres who have an Edexcel Online login.

Unfortunately, home-educators, private tutors and private candidates cannot have such a login as these are managed by exams officers in schools.

Everything you need to deliver any of Edexcel's English qualifications, except anthologies, can be accessed without a login. Materials which are locked so that they can be used for mock exams are usually unlocked 9 months after the assessment was live.

Covid-19

As a result of the cancellation of exams in May/June 2020 and May/June 2021 and the ensuing demand for secure assessment materials for internal assessment by schools and colleges, we may retain padlocks on exam materials for longer periods. We have substantial [additional support](#) for parents and learners here.

Unlocked assessment material (valid 16 November 2021)

Every qualification has a substantial range of unlocked assessment material as GCSEs in English have been sat since 2017 (2 series per year for English Language) and Int GCSEs (4 sets of papers per year for each qualification) since 2018:

International GCSE English Language A (8 sets of open access papers)

[Sample assessment material](#)

[Specimen paper](#)

[June 2018, January 2019 & June 2019 question papers \(2 for each series\)](#)

Students may like to purchase the [student book](#). Please note, there is no accompanying 'teacher book'. Tutors/parents may purchase a subscription to the online teacher resources, but these are intended for front of class teaching.

International GCSE English Language B (8 sets of open access papers)

[Sample assessment material](#)

[Specimen paper](#)

[June 2018, January 2019 & June 2019 question papers \(2 for each series\)](#)

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International GCSE English Literature (8 sets of open access papers)

[Sample assessment material](#)

[Specimen paper](#)

[June 2018, January 2019 & June 2019 question papers \(2 for each series\) under 'exam materials'](#)

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GCSE English Language 1EN0 (8 sets of open access papers)

[Sample assessment material](#)

[Specimen papers 1 & 2](#)

[Summer 2017, November 2017, summer 2018, November 2018 & summer 2019 papers under 'exam materials'](#)

Students may wish to purchase [various student books and revision materials](#).

GCSE English Language 2.0 (sets of open access papers)

[Sample assessment materials](#)

[Specimen paper](#)

The first assessment of this qualification is in May/June 2022 so there are no past exam papers.

GCSE English Literature (6 sets of open access papers)

[Sample assessment material](#)

[Specimen papers 1 & 2](#)

[Summer 2017, summer 2018 and summer 2019 papers under 'exam materials'](#)

Students may wish to purchase [various student books and revision materials](#).

Getting a copy of an Edexcel published anthology

Please note that students may not take a copy of an Edexcel anthology into any exam, so students do not require a clean hard copy for any Edexcel English examination.

In the first instance, the centre where a home-educated or private candidate is entered for their exam is responsible for providing a candidate with any material that they need which is padlocked on the Edexcel website, including anthologies.

Home educators, private tutors and private candidates requiring hard copy Edexcel anthologies may email teachingenglish@pearson.com providing their postal address to request a free copy:

GCSE English Literature: Poetry

International GCSE English Language and English Literature anthology

A level English Literature Shakespeare critical anthologies (comedy and tragedy)

A level English Language and Literature: voices anthology

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