
A LEVEL ENGLISH LANGUAGE

Context:

When you study English Language, you will become an observer of how language works, collecting examples of everyday language which is interesting or unusual. You will also learn about the structures of language.

Reading Material:

The English department subscribes to a magazine for students: *Emagazine*. Their archive contains thousands of articles about English language. Log in, look for things you are interested in and start to read! Keep some notes on what you have read; you never know when this might be useful.

<https://www.englishandmedia.co.uk/e-magazine/emag-login/>

Username: kingsenglish

Password: nounphrase

Tasks:

Create a “scrap book” of English Language. Collect examples of texts, text messages, emails, newspaper articles, conversations (you will need to transcribe these), tweets and articles. You may want to choose a topic and build your collection around these. Annotate these with the methods you learnt at GCSE and try to work out how each example of language works. Why and how are these different?

Who to follow

Twitter is a huge resource for students of English Language. There are some great bloggers who are academics and post exciting content about English Language. Here’s a list of some you should follow:

@susie_dent: That woman in Dictionary Corner

@RobDrummond: Reader in sociolinguistics @ManMetUni

@EngLangBlog: Keeping you up to date with English Language stories in the news

@DanSeanClayton: English teacher, writer and examiner (runs the englangblog)

@lynneguist: Linguistics professor@SussexUni

@mmgiovannelli: Senior lecturer in English Language and Linguistics @AstonLSS

@Literacy_Trust

@davcr: David Crystal. English Language guru.

Add some of their tweets and the articles they post to your scrap book.