

English language and literature A-level

Preparing to learn

Read:

- David Crystal- *A Little Book of Language*
- Alice Sebold- *The Lovely Bones*
- Carol Ann Duffy poetry
- Critical reviews and articles on *The Lovely Bones*
- Biographical information on Alice Sebold and Carol Ann Duffy

Visit:

- <https://thedefinitearticle.aqa.org.uk/>
A blog that AQA recommend for this course

Find reviews for Paris restaurants, hotels and tourist attractions on TripAdvisor. What are the most popular attractions? How do people express negative opinions and ideas?

Find out about Alice Sebold's writing. What are her influences? What has had an impact on the stories she tells?

Create a review for the last restaurant or tourist attraction you visited. How can you make people trust your opinions?

Research the AQA website for AS/A2 ELLA (English Language and Literature). There are loads of resources here, for example examiners' reports which give dos and don'ts for exam responses, sample paper questions to try out, information on the AOs.

Make a poster to revise grammatical terms, syntax, punctuation and word classes e.g. nouns, adjectives, verbs, pronouns, determiners, conjunctions, adverbials, clauses etc

Think about careers where English language and literature are useful. Look at UCAS.com – what kind of modules can you study post 18 at university on English/language courses?

Reflect and create a 'do and don't' style list for your particular strengths and weaknesses in English from GCSE – how can you improve / add to your skills?

Record and analyse a conversation you are having. Who is the dominant speaker? How do you change topics? How do you know when to take a turn? What do you do to make your conversation polite?

Websites to visit

<http://www.universalteacher.org.uk/>

http://www.englishbiz.co.uk/#A_LEVEL

AQA.org.uk – we are following English Language and Literature

UCAS.com