

AQA English Language GCSE

Paper 1 (Fiction and Creative Writing)	Paper 2 (Non-fiction and Transactional Writing)
<ul style="list-style-type: none">Students read one unseen extract from a fictional textFour reading questions based on the extract making up 25% of the total GCSE grade:<ul style="list-style-type: none">Q1 – information retrievalQ2 – language analysisQ3 – structure analysisQ4 – evaluation of the textOne writing task based on the same theme as the extract. This could be:<ul style="list-style-type: none">A descriptionThe opening to a narrativeThere will be a choice of two tasks – students complete one.The writing task makes up 25% of the overall exam grade.	<ul style="list-style-type: none">Students read two unseen extracts from non-fiction texts. One will be a pre-1914 text.Four reading questions based on these extracts, making up 25% of the total GCSE grade:<ul style="list-style-type: none">Q1 – true or falseQ2 – summary writingQ3 – language analysisQ4 – comparison of writers' perspectivesOne writing task based on an opinionated statement. The task could be:<ul style="list-style-type: none">LetterSpeechArticleBlog entryThe writing task makes up 25% of the overall exam grade.
Exam time: 1 hour 45 minutes	Exam time: 1 hour 45 minutes
Students will also complete a spoken element which is graded at pass, merit or distinction level. This is assessed in their classrooms and graded by their English teacher. This does not affect their overall grade; it is reported separately on their GCSE exam certificate.	

Students are exposed to a wide range of high-quality fiction and non-fiction texts to develop and master their skills as independent, critical readers and accurate, creative and persuasive writers.

