

GCSE



CCEA GCSE STUDENT GUIDANCE

English Language

Unit 3

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Unit 3 – Studying Spoken and Written Language (20%)

Task 1 – The Study of Spoken Language (10%)

What do I have to do?

For this task you will complete a written response investigating and exploring two pieces of spoken language. CCEA will set a different theme every year but your teacher will decide on the specific texts you study for this task.

It is your responsibility to prepare and plan for each task, although your teacher can offer you guidance.

Can I work with others?

Your teacher may allow you to work in groups as preparation for the task but your written response will be completed individually and independently.

How am I being assessed?

Study of Spoken Language (AO2)

Candidates must:

- i. understand variations in spoken language, explaining why language changes in relation to contexts; and
- ii. evaluate the impact of spoken language choices in their own and others' uses.

The assessment requires you to study two extracts of spoken language and consider the **purpose**, **audience** and **context** of each.

You will be assessed on how well you engage with:

- the key words/phrases that the speaker has deliberately chosen to create and elicit the desired effect;
- the linguistic techniques and rhetorical devices that each speaker uses to make the best possible impact on the audience; and
- the delivery techniques used by each speaker (for example tone, pace, pause, pitch and volume).

Can I take work home with me?

Any work undertaken under formal supervision in the classroom cannot be removed from school. The final assessment will be undertaken in supervised and timed conditions. This may be split over more than one session but you will not be allowed access to your work between these sessions.

Is there a time limit?

There is a total time limit of **1 hour** for your response, although this may be broken into more than one session.

Can I use notes during my final production?

You can use transcripts of the texts you are studying when completing your response. Transcripts must not be annotated in any way and you cannot use any form of writing frame or draft responses.

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Task 2 – The Study of Written Language (10%)

What do I have to do?

For this task, you will complete a written response which investigates, examines and explores particular issues within a literary text (for example, characterisation, theme or genre).

If you are also studying English Literature your response can be on one of the literary texts studied for this subject, but the work will be in addition to your English Literature work. CCEA will set a different theme every year but your teacher will decide on which specific text or texts to use for this task.

It is your responsibility to prepare and plan for each task, although your teacher can offer you guidance.

How am I being assessed?

Studying of Written Language (AO3)

Candidates must:

- i. read and understand texts, selecting material appropriate to purpose, collating from different sources and making comparisons and cross-references as appropriate;
- ii. develop and sustain interpretations of writers' ideas and perspectives; and
- iii. explain and evaluate how writers use linguistic, structural and presentational features to achieve effects and engage and influence the reader.

The assessment requires you to **evaluate** particular issues within a written text or texts.

You will be marked according to how well you engage with:

- reading and understanding texts;
- understanding how meaning is constructed;
- selecting material appropriate to purpose;
- recognising the effect of language choices and patterns;
- explaining how writers use linguistic and presentational features to sustain the reader's interest; and
- evaluating how texts may be interpreted differently depending on the reader's perspective.

Can I take work home with me?

Any work undertaken under formal supervision in the classroom cannot be removed from school. The final assessment will be undertaken in supervised and timed conditions. This may be split over more than one session but you will not be allowed access to your work between these sessions.

Is there a time limit?

There is a total time limit of **1 hour** for your response, although this may be broken into up over more than one session.

Can I use notes during my final Production?

You can use an unannotated copy of the text you have studied when completing your response.