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GCSE English Language tracker

The reading, writing and speaking skills every exam board tests

Name _____ Exam board _____

Exam year _____ Set texts or anthology (if any) _____

Tick a skill when you've practised it, then shade the circles to show how confident you feel (1 = just started, 3 = I could do it in the exam). Paper names and question numbers differ between exam boards, so check yours, but the skills are the same.

Reading

DONE	TOPIC	CONFIDENCE	DATE
☐	Finding and retrieving information that is stated directly	○ ○ ○	
☐	Working out ideas that are suggested but not stated (inference)	○ ○ ○	
☐	Summarising and comparing information from two texts	○ ○ ○	
☐	Analysing how writers use language: words, phrases and techniques	○ ○ ○	
☐	Using subject terms like metaphor, tone and imagery accurately	○ ○ ○	
☐	Analysing how writers structure a text: openings, shifts and endings	○ ○ ○	
☐	Evaluating a text critically and backing views with quotations	○ ○ ○	
☐	Comparing writers' ideas and viewpoints across two texts	○ ○ ○	
☐	Reading 19th-century fiction and non-fiction	○ ○ ○	
☐	Reading 20th- and 21st-century fiction and non-fiction	○ ○ ○	

Writing

DONE	TOPIC	CONFIDENCE	DATE
☐	Descriptive writing	○ ○ ○	
☐	Narrative (story) writing	○ ○ ○	
☐	Writing to give a viewpoint: arguing and persuading	○ ○ ○	
☐	Writing in different forms: articles, letters, speeches and leaflets	○ ○ ○	
☐	Choosing tone, style and register for the audience and purpose	○ ○ ○	
☐	Planning and structuring writing in clear paragraphs	○ ○ ○	
☐	Using a wide range of vocabulary	○ ○ ○	
☐	Varying sentences for effect	○ ○ ○	
☐	Accurate spelling	○ ○ ○	
☐	Accurate punctuation, including commas, apostrophes and speech marks	○ ○ ○	
☐	Accurate grammar and Standard English	○ ○ ○	

Spoken language (separate endorsement)

DONE	TOPIC	CONFIDENCE	DATE
☐	Preparing and giving a short presentation	○ ○ ○	
☐	Listening and responding to questions and feedback	○ ○ ○	
☐	Using spoken Standard English	○ ○ ○	

Exam practice

DONE	TOPIC	CONFIDENCE	DATE
☐	Knowing the papers, questions and timings for your exam board	○ ○ ○	
☐	Timed practice of the reading questions	○ ○ ○	
☐	Timed practice of the writing question	○ ○ ○	
☐	A full past paper under exam conditions	○ ○ ○	
☐	Checking and proofreading in the last five minutes	○ ○ ○	

Topics follow the Department for Education's GCSE subject content, which all exam boards use. Wording and order vary by board, so check your board's specification for the full detail.