

A-Level English Language Part 1

Summary

Understand how the English language shapes our thoughts, identity and society with this qualification. You will focus on spoken and written communication, language diversity and social context. You will investigate how language develops in children, how it reflects identity, and how it varies across regions and platforms. This course can deepen your understanding of linguistic structures and help you develop skills in analysis, interpretation and independent research.

PET offers A-levels in two parts. Upon completing Part 1, you can choose either to take your AS exam (a qualification marking the first year of a full A-level) or continue on to Part 2 to build up to a full A-level.

You will need to apply for each part separately. You can start an A-level at any time of the year, but exams usually take place in June. Before making your application, please speak to PET or your education department to find out if your prison can hold A-level exams as many cannot facilitate this. Alternatively, you might be able to take the exams on Release on Temporary Licence (ROTL) or after your release - we will be happy to advise you further on this.

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| Course Provider | National Extension College (NEC) Woolpack House, 70 High Street, Sawston CB22 3HJ 01223 400200 www.nec.ac.uk |
| Qualification Accreditation | AQA |
| Academic level | Level 3 |
| PET entry requirements | Level 2 English |
| Format of course material | Paper-based |
| Structure of course | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Language and the individual • Textual variations and representations • Language varieties • Language diversity • Methods of language analysis • Writing skills |
| Assignments | 5 written assignments |

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| Exam | 2 invigilated, closed book exams (90 minutes each) |
| Study hours | 150 |
| Course expiry date | 24 months |
| Prison support requirements | Facilitate tutor support via email. This often requires scanning learner assignments and email them to their tutor. Co-ordinate with NEC to arrange and facilitate exams. |
| Supplier tutor's support | Yes - accessed with prison staff support |
| Certificate | Upon completing Part 1, you can choose either to take your AS exam (a qualification marking the first year of a full A-level) or continue on to Part 2 to build up to a full A-level. On successful completion of either exam, you will receive a certificate. |
| Progress | There are range of possible progression options including A-Level English Language Part 2, an Open University Access course, or various other courses such as Creative Writing or Journalism. Call our free Advice Line on 0800 048 7520 on Tuesdays (10-12pm and 2-4pm) and Thursdays (10am-12pm and 2-6pm). |