

Promoting Independence at KS5



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In order to be successful at KS5 you will need to do lots of independent learning and take accountability for your learning. These tasks will allow you to apply your learning to the real world and explore the impact of the theory and concepts you have been learning in your subjects.

You will find below some suggestions for activities you could do throughout the year. Some of them are one-off tasks, but some of them, such as watching news bulletins and reading magazines, should become regular habits. Keep this learning log and all your evidence. This independent learning will stretch and build on your capability in this subject.

Task (in no particular order)	Completed (date/s)	Evidence seen (date/s & teacher's initials)
<i>Task 1: Listen to the series of podcasts called Lexis and make notes about the concepts discussed in each episode. https://anchor.fm/lexispodcast</i>		
<i>Task 2: Listen to the TED talk series "How Languages Change Over Time" and make notes about the concepts discussed in each seminar. https://www.ted.com/playlists/228/how_language_changes_over_time</i>		
<i>Task 3: Choose one of these books by David Crystal to read. I have copies of each in my classroom to borrow.</i> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>Stories of English</i> • <i>Txtng: The Gr8 Db8</i> • <i>The Story of English in 100 words</i> • <i>How Language Works</i> 		
<i>Task 4: Read 'Language Myths' by Laurie Bauer and Peter Trudgill. Write a summary or create a mind-map exploring each of the myths discussed in the book. I have copies in my classroom to borrow.</i>		
<i>Task 5: Watch the Unabomber series on Netflix, and research this famous criminal case. Delve into the world of Forensic Linguistics and consider the knowledge and skills necessary for a career in this field.</i>		
<i>Task 6: Practise your transcription skills by recording a few minutes of your favourite television show and creating a transcript. This could be something like a talk show or reality TV show. Then have a go at analysing patterns in the language used considering a range of language levels, i.e. lexis, grammar, phonology, pragmatics and discourse structure. Past examples have included analysing the language used on The Kardashians, Come Dine With Me, Married at First Sight and Love Island.</i>		

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Below is a list of possible courses to extend your independent learning, recommended by your KS5 subject leader.

MIT – <https://ocw.mit.edu>

Course Number	Course Title
24.900	Introduction to Linguistics
24.914	Language Variation and Change
24.949	Language Acquisition
9.57J 24.904J	Language Acquisition
24.947	Language Disorders in Children
9.98	Language and the Mind

MOOC - <https://www.my-mooc.com/en/>

Course Title	Provider
Miracles of Human Language: An Introduction to Linguistics Coursera	Universiteit Leiden

Future Learn -

https://www.futurelearn.com/courses?filter_category=14&filter_availability=started&all_courses=1

Title	Link
An Introduction to Sociolinguistics: Accents, Attitudes and Identity	Introduction to Sociolinguistics - Online Course - FutureLearn
Introduction to Applied Linguistics and TESOL	Introduction to Applied Linguistics - Online Course - FutureLearn
Introduction to Intercultural Studies: Language and Culture	Language and Culture - Free Online Course - FutureLearn