

Junior Cycle ENGLISH

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Communicating as a listener, speaker, reader, writer

ENGAGING WITH LANGUAGE

Understanding the content and structure of language

Exploring and using language

1st Year

Topic 1 - Grammar

Learning outcomes: Strand R.1, R.10, R.11, R12, Strand W.11, W.12, Strand OL.12	
1Y Grammar - Primary Questions A	20 questions
1Y Grammar - Primary Questions B	20 questions
1Y Grammar - Primary Questions C	20 questions
1Y Grammar - Reflective Questions	2 questions
Total number of questions in Topic 1	62 questions

Topic 2 - Creative Writing

Learning outcomes: Strand R.1, R.6, R.8, R.12 Strand W.7, W12	
1Y Creative Writing - Primary Questions A - Creating Characters & Tension	20 questions
1Y Creative Writing - Primary Questions B - Setting & Vocabulary	20 questions
1Y Creative Writing - Reflective Questions	2 questions
Total number of questions in Topic 2	42 questions

Topic 3 - Drama

Element: Strand R.1, R.2, R.3, R.6, R8	
1. 1Y Drama - Key Terms	20 questions
2. 1Y Drama - Stage Positions and Non-Verbal Acting	20 questions
3. 1Y Drama - Blood Brothers	20 questions
4. 1Y Drama - Our Day Out	20 questions
5. 1Y Drama - Unseen Drama	20 questions
1Y Drama - Reflective Questions	2 questions
Total number of questions in Topic 3	102 questions

Topic 4 - Fiction

Element: Strand R.1, R.2, R.4, R.5 R.6, R.8, Strand OL.1, OL.15	
1Y Fiction - Primary Questions A	20 questions
1Y Fiction - Primary Questions B	25 questions
1Y Fiction - Reflective Questions	2 questions
Total number of questions in Topic 4	47 questions

Topic 5 - Poetry

Learning outcomes: Strand R.1, R.3, R.6, R.8, R.9, R.11, R.12, R13, Strand W.4 Strand OL.1, OL,5, OL.6	
1Y Poetry - Primary Questions A	20 questions
1Y Poetry - Primary Questions B	25 questions
1Y Poetry - Reflective Questions	2 questions
Total number of questions in Topic 5	47 questions

Learning outcomes: Strand R.1, R3	
1Y Media Studies - Primary Questions A	17 questions
1Y Media Studies - Primary Questions B	20 questions
1st Media Studies - Reflective Questions	2 questions
Total number of questions in Topic 6	39 questions
Topic 7 - Advertising	
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Learning outcomes: Strand R.1, R.2, R.3, R.9, R13, Strand W.1, W3, W.13	10 questions
Learning outcomes: Strand R.1, R.2, R.3, R.9, R13, Strand W.1, W3, W.13 1Y Advertising - Primary Questions A	10 questions 20 questions
Topic 7 - Advertising Learning outcomes: Strand R.1, R.2, R.3, R.9, R13, Strand W.1, W3, W.13 1Y Advertising - Primary Questions A 1Y Advertising - Primary Questions B 1Y Advertising - Reflective Questions	

2nd Year

Topic 1 - Film Studies

Topic 6 - Media Studies

Learning outcomes: Strand R.1, R.2, R.3, R.4, R.6, R.7, R.8, R.9, R.11, Strand W.1, W.3, W.4, W.6, W.7, W.8, W.10, W.11, W.12, W.13 Strand OL.1, OL.4, OL.8, OL.9

Total number of questions in Topic 1	285 questions
2nd Year - Film Studies - Longer Response Questions	5 questions
2nd Year - Film Studies - General Questions	40 questions
2nd Year - Film Studies - E.T.	60 questions
2nd Year - Film Studies - Hunt for the Wilderpeople	60 questions
2nd Year - Film Studies - Sing Street	60 questions
2nd Year - Film Studies - Into the Spider Verse	60 questions

Topic 2 - Fiction

Learning outcomes: Strand R.1, R.2, R.3, R.4, R.5, R.6, R.7, R.8, R.9, R.11, R.12, R.13, Strand W.1, W.3, W.6, W.7, W.8, W.13	
2nd Year - Fiction - Of Mice and Men	60 questions
2nd Year - Fiction - The Outsiders	60 questions
2nd Year - Fiction - Noughts and Crosses	60 questions
2nd Year - Fiction - Longer Response Questions	5 questions
Total number of questions in Topic 2	185 questions

Topic 3 - Drama

Element: Strand R.1, R.2, R.3, R.6, R.7, R.11, Strand W.1, W.3, W.6, W.7, W.8, W.10, W.13, Strand OL.8	
2nd Year - Drama - Romeo and Juliet	60 questions
2nd Year - Drama - The Merchant of Venice	60 questions
2nd Year - Drama - Longer Response Questions	5 questions
Total number of questions in Topic 3	125 questions

Topic 4 - Grammar	
Element: Strand R.1, R.11, R.12, Strand W.10, W.12, Strand OL.12, OL.13	
2nd Year - Grammar - Primary Questions A	20 questions
2nd Year - Grammar - Primary Questions B	20 questions
2nd Year - Grammar - Primary Questions C	20 questions
2nd Year - Grammar - Primary Questions D	20 questions
2nd Year - Grammar - Primary Questions E	20 questions
Total number of questions in Topic 4	100 questions
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Topic 5 - Non-Literary Texts

Learning outcomes: Strand R.1, R.2, R.3, R.12, R.13, Strand OL.4

2nd Year - Non-Literary Texts - Blogs 2nd Year - Non-Literary Texts - Articles 2nd Year - Non-Literary Texts - Speeches

Total number of questions in Topic 5

Topic 6 - Poetry

Learning outcomes:	Strand R.1, R.2, R.3, R.4, R.5, R.6, R.7, R.8, R.9, R.10, R.11, R.12, R.13, Strand W.3, W.12

2nd Year - Poem 8 - Midterm Break	10 questions
2nd Year - Poem 8 - Midterm Break 2nd Year - Poem 9 - Base Details	10 questions 10 questions
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2nd Year - Poem 7 - I Know Why the Caged Bird Sings	10 questions
2nd Year - Poem 6 - The Rose that Grew from Concrete	10 questions
2nd Year - Poem 5 - The Road not Taken	10 questions
2nd Year - Poem 4 - Little Red Riding Hood and the Wolf	10 questions
2nd Year - Poem 3 - The Thickness of Ice	10 questions
2nd Year - Poem 2 - Blackberry Picking	10 questions
2nd Year - Poem 1 - Dulce et Decorum est	10 questions

Topic 7 - Creative Writing

Learning outcomes: Strand R.1, R.2, R.3, Strand W.1, W.3, W.4, W.5, W.6, W.7, W.9, W.10, W.11, W.12, W.13	
2nd Year - Creative Writing - Primary Questions A	20 questions
2nd Year - Creative Writing - Primary Questions B	20 questions
2nd Year - Creative Writing - Longer Response Questions	5 questions
Total number of questions in Topic 7	45 questions

3rd Year

Topic 1 - Poetry

Learning outcomes: Strand R.1, R.2, R.3, R.4, R.6, R.7, R.8, R.9, R.11, R.12, Strand W.1, W.3, W.6, W.7, W.8, W.10, W.11, W.12, W.13		
3rd Year English - Poem 1 - But You Didn't	10 questions	
3rd Year English - Poem 2 - When All the Others were away at Mass	10 questions	
3rd Year English - Poem 3 - Valentine	10 questions	
3rd Year English - Poem 4 - Tich Miller	10 questions	
3rd Year English - Poem 5 - Mirror	10 questions	
3rd Year English - Poem 6 - Inniskeen Road: July Evening	20 questions	
3rd Year English - Poem 7 - 'Dulce et Decorum est (Revision)	20 questions	
3rd Year English - Poem 8 - The Lake Isle of Innisfree (Revision)	20 questions	
3rd Year English - Poetry - Longer Response Questions	5 questions	
Total number of questions in Topic 1	115 questions	

60 questions60 questions60 questions

180 questions

Topic 2 - Fiction

Learning outcomes: Strand R.1., R.2, R.3, R.4, R.6, R.7, R.8, R.9, R.11, R.12, R.13, Strand W.1, W.3, W.6, W.7, W.8, W.10, W.11, W.12, W.13 Strand OL.1, OL.7, OL.8

2nd Year - Fiction - Longer Response Questions	5 questions
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3rd Year Fiction - The Weight of Water	60 guestions
3rd Year Fiction - Jekyll & Hyde	60 questions
3rd Year Fiction - Trash	60 questions
3rd Year Fiction - Ender's Game	60 questions

Topic 3 - Drama

Total number of questions in Topic 3	126 questions
3rd Year Drama - Longer Response Questions	5 questions
3rd Year Drama - Hamilton	61 questions
3rd Year Drama - Julius Caesar	60 questions
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Topic 4 - Film Studies

Element: Strand R.2, R.3, R.4, R.6, R.7, R.8, R.9, R.11, Strand W.1, W.3, W.6, W.7, W.8, W.10, W.11, W.12, W.13, Strand OL.4, OL.7, OL.8	
3rd Year Film Studies - Hotel Rwanda	60 questions
3rd Year Film Studies - Spirited Away	60 questions
3rd Year Film Studies - Wadjda	60 questions
3rd Year Film Studies - Longer Response Questions	5 questions
Total number of questions in Topic 4	185 questions

Topic 5 - Grammar

Element: Strand R.1, R.8, R.11, R.12, Strand W.6, W.10, W.12	
3rd Year English - Grammar - Primary Questions A	20 questions
3rd Year English - Grammar - Primary Questions B	20 questions
3rd Year English - Grammar - Primary Questions C	20 questions
Total number of questions in Topic 5	60 questions

Topic 6 - Creative Writing

3rd Year Creative Writing - Longer Response Questions Total number of questions in Topic 6	5 questions 45 questions
3rd Year Creative Writing - Primary Questions B	20 questions
3rd Year Creative Writing - Primary Questions A	20 questions
Element: Strand R.4, R.8, R.9, R.10, R.11, Strand W.1, W.3, W.4, W.5, W.6, W.7, W.9, W.10, W.11, W.12, W.13, Strand OL.7, OL.8	

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