

English Language

Qualification

AQA Functional Skills English (Levels 1 and 2)

Curriculum Intent

The Functional Skills English course is designed to provide students with practical English skills that can be applied in everyday life, employment, and further education. By offering engaging and accessible content, the course aims to build confidence in reading, writing, speaking, and listening, ensuring that learners are well-prepared for real-life communication challenges.

The course uses fiction and non-fiction texts to develop an understanding and appreciation of the English language. Tailored to meet the needs of students at different levels, the Functional Skills English course is split into Level 1 and Level 2.

Content

There are three main content focuses throughout the course:

- **Reading:** Students will be required to engage with a range of texts on a range of topics. These will be of varying lengths that instruct, describe, explain or persuade. In the first year of the course, students will read *Wonder* by R.J. Palacio.
- **Writing:** Students will learn how to write narratives, instructions, explanations, reports, and articles.
- **Speaking and Listening:** Students will learn how to communicate information, ideas, and opinions effectively and use appropriate language dependent on the topic and situation.

Assessment

All candidates take:

Name	Focus	Grade Percentage
Paper 1 – Reading (Exam)	A mix of question styles, including multiple choice and short response. Students will have access to a dictionary.	33.3%, externally assessed
Paper 2 – Writing (Exam)	Two writing tasks, including 12 marks for spelling, punctuation and grammar.	33.3%, externally assessed

Speaking, Listening, and Communicating (Presentation and discussion)	One presentation task and one discussion task.	33.3%, internally assessed and externally moderated.
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