

## A Level English Language - pre course preparation

### Wider Reading

#### Books

Bill Bryson, *Mother Tongue* (top recommendation!)

Deborah Cameron, *The Myth of Mars and Venus*

David Crystal, *A Little Book of Language*

Robert Lane Green, *You are what you Speak*

David March, *For Who the Bell Tolls*

Deborah Tannen, *You Just Don't Understand*

Sara Thorne, *Mastering Advanced English Language*

#### Websites

[www.theguardian.com/media/mind-your-language](http://www.theguardian.com/media/mind-your-language)

<http://englishlangsfx.blogspot.co.uk>

### Activities

Keep a log of your wider reading and your thoughts / opinions on the texts. What did you find interesting? Was there anything you disagreed with?

Create a collage of interesting newspaper headlines. Try to link them by theme or technique.

Save interesting topic articles. We are going to be focusing on representations in Y12 - how are different people / ages / genders / nationalities etc represented in newspaper articles?

Particularly look for controversial articles!

We are going to be investigating some key questions in English Language. Make notes on your initial ideas:

- How do children learn to speak?
- Do men and women communicate differently?
- Are some accents better than others?
- How and why has language changed over time?
- How important is the English Language? Why is it spoken across the world?