

Step Up Unit 1: AQA GCSE English Language

Section A - Lesson One AO Definitions

The four AOs (Assessment Objectives) below are the key things each exam board asks you to focus on throughout the Reading Section of the English Language exam. Some of these objectives are assessed in one question while others are assessed throughout the exam. The language of the assessment objectives isn't always clear. Use the space below to jot down your ideas about what each of the objectives is really asking you to do. Then, try to remember which questions on which paper ask you to concentrate on each objective.

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AO1 - Identify and interpret explicit and implicit information and ideas. Select and synthesize evidence from different texts.		
AO2 - Explain, comment on and analyse how writers use language and structure to achieve effects and influence readers, using relevant subject terminology to support your views.		
AO3 - Compare writers' ideas and perspectives, as well as how these are conveyed, across two or more texts.		
AO4 - Evaluate texts critically and support this with appropriate textual references.		

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<p>AO1 - Identify and interpret explicit and implicit information and ideas.</p> <p>Select and synthesize evidence from different texts.</p>	<p>This objective asks you to find information in a text. The information may be easy to find or you may have to infer some of it (read between the lines). You are also asked to summarise information found in different texts and quote effectively from the text.</p>	<p>Paper 1 – Question 1, 2 and 4</p> <p>Paper 2 – Question 1 and 2</p>
<p>AO2 - Explain, comment on and analyse how writers use language and structure to achieve effects and influence readers, using relevant subject terminology to support your views.</p>	<p>In this assessment objective you are asked to look at both language and structure in writing and explain how the writer has used it to create effects and have an impact on the reader. You should use relevant language terms such as simile, metaphor, repetition in your response.</p>	<p>Paper 1 – Question 2 and 3</p> <p>Paper 2 – Question 3</p>
<p>AO3 - Compare writers' ideas and perspectives, as well as how these are conveyed, across two or more texts.</p>	<p>Here you are asked to compare two texts. You should be able to write about how the writers' ideas and feelings are shown in the writing and consider the similarities and differences between them.</p>	<p>Paper 2 – Question 4</p>
<p>AO4 - Evaluate texts critically and support this with appropriate textual references.</p>	<p>This objective is checking that you can respond to texts critically, looking at how they work in detail. It is also checking that you know how to use sensible quotations or references to the text in your responses.</p>	<p>Paper 1 – Question 4</p>