



# AQA English Language Paper 1 Section A

**Q1: A01 (4 Marks)**

**5 Mins**

## Multiple Choice Retrieval

- Read all options carefully – some may be close but incorrect
- Eliminate wrong answers first
- Each correct choice = 1 mark
- Treat it as a retrieval task – scan the text for detail

**Q2: A02 (8 Marks)**

**10 Mins**

## How Is Language Used?

- Focus on techniques. Use specific terminology.
- Give evidence – quotations must be used within your answer.
- Analyse – Why does the writer use the technique? What is the impact?
- Only focus on the section the question specifies.

## How can I revise for this section?

1. Learn your language and structure techniques.
2. Ensure you have a good working knowledge of grammar and word classes.
3. Learn analytical word choices.
4. Practise scanning for detail.
5. Read! Examining dramatic moments and openings, in particular, will really help.

## Do you know your AOs?

**A01:** Identify and interpret information and ideas.

**A02:** Explain, comment on and analyse how writers use language and structure to achieve effects and influence readers, using relevant subject terminology to support their views.

**A04:** Evaluate texts critically and support this with appropriate textual references.

**Q3: A02 (8 Marks)**

**10 Mins**

**Focuses on how structure creates a specific effect**

- Identify what effect is being focused on
- Look at the whole text structure – beginning, middle, end
- Notice shifts in focus, perspective or pace
- Link structure to the effect

**It could do with a cup of TEA:**

**T: Techniques** (structural techniques).

**E: Evidence:** Give quotations to show structural details.

**A: Analysis:** Why has the writer used these structural techniques?  
Find reasons and explain how they create the specific effect.

**Q4: A04 (20 Marks)**

**25 Mins**

**To What Extent Do You Agree?**

- Is this type of situation usual? How does it compare with a typical situation?
- How has the writer approached it?
- What is the impact on the reader?
- What language features have been used? Explain how they have created effects?
- Why is it effective?
- Consider alternative views for higher marks.

**General Exam Tips**

- Manage timings
- Read the question wording carefully, especially in Qs 3 and 4
- Use short, embedded quotations
- Use AO language in answers (analyse, evaluate, interpret)
- Practise multiple choice style questions