

AQA Entry Level Step Up To English Qualification: Specification Code 5970

The specification will encourage Entry Level students to develop the skills they need to read and understand a range of texts as well as to write clearly, coherently and accurately using a range of vocabulary and sentence structures.

The qualification can be tailored to students' needs through either Silver Step or Gold Step. Silver Step is aimed at Entry 1 and Entry 2 students and Gold Step is for Entry 3 students looking to progress to GCSE.

The qualification offers non-exam assessment (NEA) which supports an engaging and supportive learning and assessment experience for Entry Level students. The specification offers two components in both steps, which each assess reading and writing. Spoken language is included in Component 1 and contributes to the overall mark.

Each component thematically links reading and writing and supports high-quality provision and engaging teaching and learning.

- Component 1, Literacy Topics, is transactional in nature and will ask students to complete a number of tasks based around a theme.
- Component 2, Creative Reading and Writing, is literary in nature and students will be asked to respond to excerpts from literary and literary non-fiction texts and write creatively.

Silver Step			
Component	What is assessed?	How is it assessed?	What are the tasks?
C1: Literacy - Speaking and Responding, Transactional Texts, Transactional Writing	<u>Spoken Language</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Presenting• Responding to questions and feedback. <u>Reading</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Three transactional texts <u>Writing</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Transactional Writing	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Students should complete and submit two topics.• Externally-set non-exam assessment: up to 1 hour and 30 minutes.• 60 marks per topic, 120 marks per component.• 50% of Step Up to English.	<u>Spoken language</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• One task• 12 marks <u>Reading</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Three linked reading tasks & short form questions• 24 marks <u>Writing</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• One longer form writing task• 24 marks

<p>C2: Creative Reading and Writing - Two literary texts and long form writing</p>	<p><u>Section A Reading</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Two literary texts <p><u>Section B Writing</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Creative Writing 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Students should complete one paper • Externally-set non-exam assessment: up to 1 hour and 30 minutes • 60 marks • 50% of Step Up to English 	<p><u>Section A Reading</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Two linked texts & short form questions • 30 marks <p><u>Section B Writing</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • One longer form writing task • 30 marks
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Gold Step

Component	What is assessed?	How is it assessed?	What are the tasks?
C1: Literacy - Speaking and Responding, Transactional Texts, Transactional Writing	<p><u>Spoken Language</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Presenting Responding to questions and feedback. <p><u>Reading</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Three transactional texts <p><u>Writing</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Transactional Writing 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Students should complete and submit two topics. Externally-set non-exam assessment: up to 1 hour and 30 minutes. 60 marks per topic, 120 marks per component. 50% of Step Up to English. 	<p><u>Spoken language</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> One task 12 marks <p><u>Reading</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Three linked reading tasks & short form questions 24 marks <p><u>Writing</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> One longer form writing task 24 marks
C2: Creative Reading and Writing - Two literary texts and long form writing	<p><u>Section A Reading</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Two literary texts from 19th, 20th, or 21st Century. <p><u>Section B Writing</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Creative Writing 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Students should complete one paper Externally-set non-exam assessment: up to 1 hour and 30 minutes 60 marks 50% of Step Up to English 	<p><u>Section A Reading</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Two linked texts & short form questions 30 marks <p><u>Section B Writing</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> One longer form writing task 30 marks