

Bridging the Gap



in **English Language...**

At AS we look at close textual analysis and an exploration of language diversity: gender, technology, social groups and accent and dialect.

Task 1- Independent Research Task

Over the summer, ask the people you live with about how they think men and women speak differently. You can ask them about what both genders talk about, how they talk about them and perhaps why they talk about those things.

Next, write a short, evaluative response to the following statement:

'Men are far more powerful than women when in conversation. Women will never have a sense of verbal control.'

Use the data you have collected from those you live with and use it to create an argument for/against the statement.

Task 2- Creative Writing Collation

Your task is to find examples of different styles of creative writing (fiction and non-fiction) that you think is **effective and engaging**.

Aim to collect at least one of each of the following text types:

- Review (film, concert, festival, book, TV programme, music etc)
- Newspaper article – tabloid (eg. The Sun, The Daily Star, The Mirror)
- Newspaper article – broadsheet (eg. The Guardian, The Independent, The Telegraph)
- Magazine/Newspaper article that is opinion based
- Short story or opening chapter of a novel – target audience of adults
- Travel writing – e.g. The Guardian Online <http://www.theguardian.com/us/travel>
- Sports journalism

Some links to start looking at:

<http://englishlangsfx.blogspot.com/>

<http://www.davidcrystal.com/>

<http://passenglishlanguagealevel.blogspot.com/>

We look forward to seeing you (and your findings and your examples of creative writing) in September!