

National 4 English (Course Code: C724 74)

SCQF Level 4 (24 Credit Points)

Why study English?

Language and literacy are of personal, social and economic importance. Your ability to use language lies at the centre of the development and expression of your emotions, thinking, learning and sense of personal identity.

This course gives you the opportunity to develop skills in listening, talking, reading and writing, which are essential for learning, life and work. You will develop your ability to communicate your thoughts and feelings and respond to those of other people.

The skills that you develop in English are useful in a wide range of careers; these include teaching, editorial, journalism, administration, legal work or in the arts.

What will I study?

Most often, you will complete N4 English in your English class as you are studying the N5 course. You will utilise the same skills in critical thinking, writing to inform and analyse, as well as a range of talking and listening activities. You will complete at least one critical essay on a text you have studied, looking at character and theme.

There are 3 assessments and a final added value unit. They are:

- Reading – you will read a passage and answer questions on it
- Listening – you will watch a short video and answer questions on it.
- Talking - you will take part in a group discussion e.g. on a topic related to the text you are studying.
- Writing – you will write a piece of non-fiction (such as a report or a persuasive essay)
- Added Value Unit – you will write a critical essay on a text you have studied.

How will I be assessed?

Your work will be assessed by your teacher or tutor on an ongoing basis throughout the course. Items of work might include:

- A short reading test (as above)
- A short Listening test (as above)
- An extended piece of writing (around 700 words)
- Added Value Unit – a log book, an essay (around 750) and responses to oral questions.

You must pass all units to gain the course qualification.

Study Materials

[BBC Bitesize National 4 English](#)