

English Language Pre-Course Task 2020

There is a wide range of books and podcasts that would help to give you a strong start to the course. Have a look at the list below- they vary widely in difficulty, length and price, so we'd recommend that you spend some time browsing online before deciding which text/ podcast you're going to choose. The first homework task will ask you to prepare a presentation about the ideas you have learned from your chosen book/ podcast in the second week of teaching: week beginning September 14th.

Task 1: Read (or listen to) your chosen text from the list below.

Books		
Author	Title	Brief Outline
David Crystal	A Little Book of Language	Offers an overview of the history of English and many other ideas on the course.
Guy Deutscher	Through the Language Glass- why the World Looks Different in Other Languages	Explores how the cultures we live in affect the languages we speak and how we think of the world around us.
Francesca Pridham	The Language of Conversation	An introduction to the structures of conversational talk.
Sara Thorne	Mastering Advanced English Language	A comprehensive overview of a wide range of English language topics.
Ronald Carter and Sandra Cornbleet	The Language of Speech and Writing	Analyses the processes involved in writing and speaking
Podcasts		
The Allusionist	All these free podcasts cover a range of language issues. Subscribing to these and listening regularly will put you on track for grade A thinking!	
Word of Mouth (Radio 4)		
Something Rhymes with Purple		

Task 2: Use this link to access a free, online course in an app called Seneca. Complete the course.

<https://app.senecalearning.com/classroom/course/bfb81199-4dba-47c6-b646-43cc0bdd640f/section/b8e7d646-1437-41ef-9b94-48b452fb8f1c/section-overview>

If you have any questions, please feel free to get in touch via email.

We look forward to meeting you!

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