



# Preparing to study A-Level English Language at Turton

Howdy, Yr 11!

I'm really pleased that you're considering studying A-Level English Language. With your school year being cut short so suddenly, let's grasp the opportunity of preparing for a subject that looks very different to what you studied at GCSE. Here are a few tasks (see below) you could do that will give you a taste of the course. Enjoy!

## TASK ONE:

- **Research** the Westboro Baptist Church (a word of warning: they're not very pleasant!)
- **Watch** an interview with two members of the church and Russell Brand:  
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=OBA6qHW8po>
- Using the transcript on the next page, **highlight and annotate** any aspects of language that you find interesting – you should particularly be focusing on how Brand controls the interview. Don't worry that you don't know all of the fancy terms yet, just pick out anything that you find interesting. Bring this with you in September.

## TASK TWO:

- Download the IGE Lite app to your phone and **test yourself** on some of the terms.



## TASK THREE:

- Pick an **Emag article** (we subscribe, so no need to pay) that sounds interesting and read it; every article about language in Emag is relevant to your course. The website is: <https://www.englishandmedia.co.uk/e-magazine/emag-login> (Username: Turton Password: English)



## TASK FOUR:

- **Research** the history of English on [www.thehistoryofenglish.com](http://www.thehistoryofenglish.com) to learn about how language has changed over time.



(.)	Micropause
(1)	Pause with number of seconds
<b>Bold</b>	Stress
↑	Rising pitch
↓	Falling pitch
→	Increased pace
←	Decreased pace
/	overlap
=	Latch on
[ ]	Paralinguistic features
{ }	Unclear

### Transcript of Russell Brand's interview with Westboro Baptist Church members, Steve Drain and Timothy Phelps.

**Brand:** please welcome my guests with love(.) Steve Drain(.) and Timothy Phelps from the Westboro Baptist church(.) it's a type of religion

**Audience:** [booing]

**Brand:** don't be mean don't be mean (2) ↑ which one are you mate

**Drain:** I'm Steve

**Brand:** Steve (.) sit down bruv which one are you

**Phelps:** Timothy

**Brand:** hello Timothy (.) sit down in comfort

**Drain:** wanna bring you a sign (.) first of all

**Brand:** this says Fag Pimp Brand=

**Drain:** = absolutely absolutely

**Brand:** make yourself comfy mate (2) now this (.) of course is clearly offensive /[[laughs]

**Audience:** /[[laughs]

**Brand:** as an object (.) fag pimp brand and I'm depicted here (.) that's not a very flattering photograph

**Drain:** it's the face you made you made the face

**Brand:** I made the face (.) I pays the price /(1) fair enough /(.) that's true it says here that I'm a fag pimp =

**Audience:** /[[laughs]/

**Drain:** =yeah=

**Brand:** =I'm English of course so being a fag pimp just means (1) cigarette

**Audience:** [clapping and laughing]

**Brand:** but in er in in the world of vitriolic hate speak fag ↑ means

**Phelps:** it mea/ns you're an advocate for sin is what it means (.) an a very loud one at that

**Drain:** / homosexual

**Brand:** /what /wha /what (2)

**Audience:** [screaming]

**Brand:** thank you I appreciate your vocal respect but these people are here to explain something {to them} and it does take courage and bravery to come in front of a room full of people you think almost certain ain't gonna agree with you (.) so let's hear what they got to say coz I'm actually very interested (.) fag pimp brand (.) okay /we're keeping this

**Drain:** /you you you make your living (2) making a mockery of sin

**Phelps:** in fact since you promote sin you hate all these kind people /in your heart

**Band:** /awhh I don't (.) I /love em

**Phelps:** /that's why he applauds  
your sin because he hates /you all

**Brand:** /I don't applaud any sin what's hurtin people or yourselves

**Phelps:** you encourage them /(2) and then they burn in hell for eternity (.) that's not very loving

**Brand:** /right

**Drain:** wh-when the lord Jesus Christ said to love your neighbour as yourself (.) you love your neighbour as yourself by warning them when their sin is taking them to hell (.) and as a matter of fact if you fail to warn your neighbour (1) you hate your neighbour in your heart (.) so by a bible standard (1) we love you all (.) and I know you can't believe that from your goofy hallmark standard (.) but from a bible standard we love you (.) / and he doesn't

**Phelps:** /and from a bible standard he hates you=

**Drain:** =right

**Phelps:** and (.) you probably hate each other

**Brand:** bloody hell (2) it's like a really tricky quiz of hate /(3)

**Audience:** /[[laughing]

**Brand:** Steve (.) Tim do you mind if I do the like I got some questions here /(.) because er it'll help us for our interview

**Phelps:** /sure

**Brand:** why did you come ere

**Audience** [laughing]/

**Drain:** /it's... it's our duty/

**Brand:** for your mission=

**Drain:** = it's our it's our /duty {it's er}

**Phelps:** /t...to warn these people to stop  
sinning=

**Drain:** =the bible says this 'cry not lift up thy voice like a trumpet (.) and show the people their transgressions' (.) how do you show people their transgressions without making it crystal clear (.) what the manner of your sin is god hates fags (1) I know it's not {all} I know it's not popular (.) but we're not making this stuff up (.) it's right in the bible