

# A Level English Language Summer Work 2026

Your summer work task is based on the topic of Representation; this is the study of how language is used to represent individuals, social groups, institutions, events or issues and how this use of language affects the way readers think about these topics.

## Task 1 - Read

Read the emagazine article 'Media Representation of Andy Murray', which explores the ways in which different newspapers represented Andy Murray's performance in the 2008 Wimbledon Tennis Tournament.

## Task 2 - Watch

Watch the TED Talk by Caroline Kilgallen titled 'The Power of the Media'.

[The Power of Media | Caroline Kilgallen | TEDxOakKnollSchool - YouTube](#)

## Task 3 – Create

- Select an individual, institution, event or issue that you find interesting.
- Research how this topic is represented in various mediums – these can be written texts or moving image texts. Try to consider the context of each text and select a diverse range: a broadsheet and tabloid newspaper; a newspaper with a right-wing readership and one with a left-wing readership; a news broadcast aimed at children and one aimed at adults etc.
- Create a **detailed** presentation in which you analyse the language used by the producers of **at least 3 texts** to create a representation of your chosen focus.
- Your presentation should include an introduction in which you outline the focus for your topic. In the following sections, try to use terminology you have learned from your previous study of English Language when analysing language for meaning and representations.
- To really **challenge** yourself, explore comparisons between your chosen texts, the differences and similarities in their representations and your thoughts on the reasons for these.

## Assessment

Your presentation will be assessed by your English Language teacher(s) in September. You should bring a hard copy (print out) of your presentation to your first lesson. You will also be delivering your presentation to your classmates in your English Language lesson.