

GCSE ENGLISH LANGUAGE (8700)

Catalogue of texts from past papers of legacy specifications

- Legacy specification reading sources can be used to support work on writers' viewpoints and perspectives.
- Note: Higher Tier (H) sources have been identified as the most appropriate to match the new specification but some Foundation Tier (F) sources have been included here for differentiation and topic interest.

Why these are useful?

- Interesting writers offering appropriate and varied literary non-fiction sources.
- Plenty of scope to explore tools of the trade to support reading and writing skills.
- Valuable opportunities to explore different viewpoints and perspectives.
- Verified and pre-edited as appropriate for GCSE reading standards.

You can add other related texts in the right-hand column.

Theme/topic	Paper ref	Sources	Links to other texts including 19 th century
Child labour	H June 2015	UN report	
		News report	
Dramatic journeys	F June 2014	Dom Joly – Monsters!	
	H June 2011	Claire Francis at sea	
	H Jan 2011	Grand Canyon rafting	
	NENG H June 15	Disabled paragliding	
Human endeavour	F Nov 2013	Race to the pole	
	H Jan 2011	Everest the hard way	
	H Jan 2012	Limbless channel swim	
	NENG H Nov 14	1915 Antarctic	
	NENG H Nov 15	Granny D in USA	
Survival stories	H June 2012	Chilean miners	
		Plane crash escape	
	F June 2014	Survival swim	
	NENG H Nov 14	Alone (Antarctic)	
Encounters with animals	H Jan 2013	Bryson and the 'bear'	
	H Nov 2013	Mongolia – golden eagles	
Strange new worlds – travelogues	H June 2014	Stranded on Vanuatu	
	H Nov 2013	Egypt on motorbikes	
	H Jan 2012	Ondaatje – ferry	
	NENG F Nov 14	La Tomatina	
	AQA CPD course: Raising Potential	Pg. 74, Beach Camping	



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Environment	H Jan 2013	Amazon tribe issues; monster jellyfish	
	F Nov 2014	Pontfadog Oak tree	
	H June 2011	Wind farms	
Possible links with	NENG H Nov 14	Climate change	
		Artic ice melt	
Weather worries	H Nov 2012	Hurricane in Australia	
	H Jan 2012	Britain's big problem with water	
	F June 2011	Water Aid	
Childhood experience	H Nov 2012	Michael Caine – evacuee	
		Children's changing play habits	
	H Nov 2013	Children and school	
	H June 2014	Victorian children	
		Claire Balding	
	NENG F June14	Children and sport	
		School in China	
	NENG H June 14		
Homelessness	H Nov 2012	OpEd – on the streets	
Healthy eating/diet/food	H June 2013	OpEd – vegetarianism	
		Teenage diet issues	
	F Nov 2012	Food aid	
		Nigel Slater – sweets	
	F Jan 2011	Jamie, school dinners	
Science/technology	F June 2013	Bionic hand	
ICT	H June 2014	Facebook	