GCSE English

Key Words

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### Other Key Words

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<td>Adjective</td>
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<tr>
<td>Allusion</td>
<td>Reference to a person, place, event or literary work that the writer assumes the reader will recognise.</td>
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<td>Antagonist</td>
<td>The counterpart to the main character (protagonist) in a work of fiction.</td>
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<td>Characterisation</td>
<td>How an author presents or conveys a character's personality.</td>
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<td>Connotation</td>
<td>Associations or ideas attached to words.</td>
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<td>Dialogue</td>
<td>Words spoken by characters in prose or drama.</td>
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<td>Dramatic Irony</td>
<td>When the audience or reader knows something the characters in the story do not.</td>
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<td>Ellipsis</td>
<td>Deliberate omission or a word or words using ellipsis points (...)</td>
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<td>Figurative Language</td>
<td>Writing, or dialogue in drama, that makes the writer’s ideas more meaningful, descriptive or memorable. Includes metaphors, similes, hyperbole, personification, onomatopoeia and oxymoron.</td>
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<td>Foreshadowing</td>
<td>Clues suggesting the outcome of a story (but not when the outcome is deliberately revealed through the use of a narrator or flashback).</td>
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<td>Genre</td>
<td>Type of literature, drama, film or play e.g. tragedy, romance, fantasy etc.</td>
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<td>Homophones</td>
<td>Words that sound the same but have different meanings e.g. made/maid, there/their/they’re, two/too/to</td>
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<td>Imagery</td>
<td>When words are used to paint a picture in the reader's mind.</td>
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<td>Narrator</td>
<td>The person telling the story who is not necessarily the author.</td>
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<td>Noun</td>
<td>A person, place or thing.</td>
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<td>Pronoun</td>
<td>A word that stands in place of a noun e.g. he, she, they, both.</td>
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<td>Protagonist</td>
<td>The main character in a film, play or story.</td>
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<td>Rhetoric</td>
<td>The art of speaking to impress and/or persuade an audience.</td>
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<td>Symbolism</td>
<td>The use of specific objects or images to represent abstract ideas.</td>
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<td>Theme</td>
<td>The main idea or message conveyed by the writing e.g. love, loyalty, power.</td>
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## Word Bank

### Sentence Starters or Openings
- After
- Also
- Although
- Before
- Besides
- As
- Even though
- However
- Later
- Meanwhile
- Soon
- So
- Suddenly
- While
- Whilst
- Then
- Therefore

### Connectives
- as
- because
- contrary to
- despite
- due to
- furthermore
- however
- meanwhile
- so
- such as
- therefore
- on the other hand
- whether
- while
- whilst
- but

### Analytical Words
- suggests
- conveys
- highlights
- underlines
- implies

### Useful Terms of Address
- Poet
- Author
- Playwright

### Explanation
- also
- as
- because
- but
- consequently
- if
- then
- therefore
- when
- whether
- why

### Report Writing and Order
- after
- before
- during
- eventually
- finally
- later
- meanwhile
- next
- soon
- subsequently
- yesterday
Synonyms of...

...‘said’
- announced
- declared
- howled
- remarked
- sighed
- answered
- demanded
- laughed
- replied
- spluttered
- asked
- exclaimed
- moaned
- screamed
- whispered
- called
- grumbled
- muttered
- screeched
- yelled
- cried
- hissed
- mumbled
- shouted
- cried
- hissed
- mumbled
- shouted

...‘nice’
- admirable
- fabulous
- kind
- thoughtful
- beautiful
- fantastic
- lovely
- gorgeous
- charming
- friendly
- pleasant
- glorious
- considerate
- good
- pretty
- attractive
- delightful
- great
- sweet

...‘horrible’
- awful
- cruel
- disgusting
- dreadful
- grotesque
- vile
- grim
- beastly
- nasty
- unpleasant
- ghastly
- hideous
- deplorable
- ghastly
- mean
- ugly
- vicious

Verbs are Vital

- Argue: discuss, debate, dispute
- Complain: protest, grumble, object
- Go: leave, depart, embark
- Hate: detest, loathe, despise
- Ignore: neglect, omit, disregard
- Look: glance, stare, examine
- Make: construct, build, create
- Meet: assemble, join, encounter
- Run: dash, sprint, scamper
- Shout: bellow, yell, roar
- Walk: ramble, stroll, stride
**Helpful Adverbs**

- apprehensively
- deliberately
- joyfully
- nastily
- silently
- boldly
- freely
- kindly
- nervously
- slowly
- carefully
- menacingly
- loudly
- quickly
- urgently
- dangerously
- happily
- lovingly
- quietly

**Instructions**

**Sequencing words:** finally, firstly, lastly, next, then, while

**Verbs:** fix, get, hold, leave, make, mix, place, remove, replace, take

**Conditional Words**

- although
- as
- as long
- however
- if
- in case
- instead
- or
- else
- or
- rather
- otherwise
- unless
- whether