

## English Language Bridging Unit

Bridging Unit Challenge Points	Activity
20	List 5 words that you like. You can like them for any reason. Explain in a sentence why you like each one.
40	Research 5 words that have entered the Oxford English Dictionary over the last 5 years. What are the words and their definitions / uses?
40	Research the OED 'Word of the Year' for the last 5 years. What are the reasons for awarding each word the 'Word of the Year' title?
60	Select 5 examples of posts on social media. Write a brief analysis of each one: how are they written? How do they compare with Standard English?
80	Who is David Crystal? Research him. Present a short biography of his studies, his opinions, his background.... How far do you agree with his ideas about language? What are his most interesting opinions?
80	Choose a county in England (other than Nottinghamshire). Research the use of English used in that county. What words are used? How does it sound? What attitudes do people / you have towards it?
100	Watch a TED talk related to 'language'. Write an account of the talk, including the points made, opinions given, studies referred to, examples provided. How far do you agree with the points made?