

Subject	A Level English Language
Context	When you begin this course, one of the units is focused on language diversity and change. One task on this exam asks you to write your own opinion piece for a newspaper based on one of the topics you have studied.
Securing	<p>Look at this example of an opinion article from The Guardian’s online <i>Comment is Free</i>:</p> <p>Why are schools trying to wipe out regional accents? Lynsey Hanley The Guardian</p> <p>Think about how the article is structured and the features of argumentative writing which have been used (you should be familiar with these from Paper 2 of your English Language GCSE).</p>
Processing	<p>Read a range of these opinion pieces based on regional accents and the ways people perceive them:</p> <p>The rise of ‘accent softening’: why more and more people are changing their voices Social trends The Guardian</p> <p>I’ve got a northern accent but I’m not working class. So what am I? Rebecca Hardy The Guardian</p> <p>Gerraway with accentism – I’m proud to speak Yorkshire Katie Edwards The Guardian</p> <p>Yes, we are judged on our accents Hannah Jane Parkinson The Guardian</p> <p>http://www.economist.com/blogs/prospero/2015/02/iohnson-language-anxieties</p>
Exploring	<p>Write an opinion article in the style of The Guardian’s <i>Comment is Free</i> feature where you argue either for or against people speaking with regional accents.</p> <p>You will need to:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Think of a headline • Have a clear argument which should be clear throughout • Include an introduction which engages and establishes your viewpoint • Write at least 4 paragraphs with arguments to support your viewpoint • Write a conclusion which does not repeat your introduction but DOES reinforce your view-point • Include a range of techniques such as rhetorical questions, anecdotes, personal pronouns, emotive language, facts/statistics

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • You can cite evidence from the articles that you have read and any research you do yourself <p>We expect your writing to be typed and handed in on the first lesson. You should write no less than 1 side of A4 paper, 12pt font.</p>
Reviewing	<p>Be prepared to explain your opinion on regional accents, supported by the reading you have done, in your first lesson.</p> <p>Reflect on what you have learned through this work by doing the following:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> · Note down 5 new things that you found most interesting · What did you find most challenging and what did you feel most confident with? · Write down 3 questions that you would like to ask your teacher about the topic area(s) that you have been introduced to.