Exploring our core curricula



Our Tier 2 curriculum consists of 1,800 commonly used words across the curriculum, taught within engaging fiction and non-fiction texts.

1	Topic 1:		Topic 2:		T
	Around	the Zoo	Galileo!		T
	allow attach	feast frighten	agree attention	planet reason	a ⁱ
	bounce	gap	doubt	select	b
	cage chew	greedy herd	exactly fair	tale telescope	e
	claw	ignore	gaze	universe	fl
	cover	leap	instrument	weight	g
	crowd discuss	path popular	invent notice	wise wonder	g li

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ow cach cunce ge ew ow ver owd scuss	feast frighten gap greedy herd ignore leap path popular	agree attention doubt exactly fair gaze instrument invent notice	planet reason select tale telescope universe weight wise wonder

Topic 2:

attract

decay

digest

Topic 2:

callous

complete

displeasure

Topic 2:

exponentially

Sky Woman:

A creation myth

ic 3: Hot Air Balloon		Topic 4: A Dangerous Ra		
1	passenger	aware	mentio	
	project	calm	mirror	
,	public	cheer	nervou	
me	pump	contest	pack	
	ride	corner	parade	
le	surprise	damp	peak	
	terrify	dash	trust	
	unfamiliar	dodge	warn	

Space Pirates		
enemy		
force		
fuel		
leader		
motor		
past		
regular		
share		
skill		

Topic 5:

Topic 5:

Planet Earth				
award	huge			
battle	mystery			
believe	ordinary			
career	plot			
club	secure			
craft	settle			
famous	solve			
final	vanish			
heal	weak			

Topic 6:

aid	island
arrive	local
dangerous	lonely
deliver	rescue
destroy	shelter
flood	shield
harm	travel
hunt	village
idea	worry

The Elephant He

Topic 7:

ro	i ne G
	branch
	deep
	escape
•	fancy
r	gift
	glossy
	injure
	rumour

Topic 8:

Topic 8:

Empress

rl in the Tower soil strand tune whispe

amaze guide impress change possible steady

Topic 9:

Topic 9:

Topic 9:

Topic 9:

Circus Tricks

Creatures of the Sea! crawl poisor protect dive fresh grip natural spread

Topic 10:

The Vikings ambition fierce ancient capture magnificer swift

The Circle of Life arrange method attitude moisture elegant process fortunate risk

King Midas and The Golden Touch intend nursery spoil thrill

furious

hail

master

respons

Topic 3:

Topic 3:

Gladiators!

Topic 4: **Forty Thieves** actual approach mystify befriend signal

active plunge arctic rare reverse solution distant suitable

custom grace imitate dedicated discipline origin recall sensitive

Topic 6:

Topic 6:

Topic 6:

average scatter cable schedule device struggle unpredictable warp woe drift

Topic 7:

adopt convince marsh courageous dignified spiteful

The Story of Abu

Topic 8:

The Qilin and the

astonishing identity authorise illusion daub sculpt depend

the Chimpanzees

The Artists of the

The Greatest Sporting **Rivalries Ever!** obituary brief opponen certain paranoid derby endure motivate rivalry tension

Topic 10:

Topic 10:

Topic 10:

Block 5

arrest frequent attempt frontier limb ownership desire shabby develop

chamber reveal concentrate vexed extraordinary survive

peer

The Solar System circular portion column reduce increase variety

Topic 4:

Pomegranate Seeds evident frantic blossom generosity carefree mistrust orchard plentiful distress resist

Persephone and the

buoyant competition cooperate misunderstoo shallow essential stealthily temperate instantly threat

the Knights of the **Round Table** entrance request heroic modest sturdy outstanding permit valiant plead venture

Topic 7:

King Arthur and

Topic 7:

disaster pointless entertain entire recline impeccable virtuous

arrogant autobiography blend impact bear benefit burrow inspire limp mature obedien capable charismatic ease primate hamper encourage rapid

Journey to the Pole Block

accomplish frigid achievement blizzard perish dedicate sluggish deprive strategy

The Lives of the Wives of Henry VIII banquet luxurious bland monarch dictate provide feeble

advance

apparel

capacity

collaborati

composure

constant

construct

Topic 2:

accomplish

alter

bigot

compile

detect endure

hybrid

deceased

conspicuous

Topic 3: **Everest: The Great** Climb astound

avalanche

confident

crave

Luna-Flare major antagonist bungle comply courteous narrato spurt suffocate revert summit evade visible slither

Topic 4:

The Adventures of

Egypt abuse hazy access identical approxima available beverage myth oasis edible occasion excavate

The Six Wonders of

Topic 5:

Amelia Earhart: **Queen of the Air** course resemble escalate soar negative pasture talon . realistic tropical

Curios assume pedestria compensate petrified duplicate industrious seldom intercept mischief

Topic 7:

contrar

Bees: More

than a Bug!

Hector's house of

Get a Hobby! evict protrude combat glisten complex numiliated mirage snicke hefty splatte

cast location methodically previous monstrous impression

Topic 10:

Stop the

Samba!

verge

Topic 11:

The Legend of Perseus offspring enraged fearless oracle smite

treacherous

Topic 12:

of Troy

align

The Legend

recent recognise

supreme

sympathise towering troublesom

Block 7

adapt adjust dwell hostile agony

Topic 1:

Strange Places

improvise linger anguish merge migration conform originate cope cordial prosper desperate refuge disorientated

Topic 2: Topic 3: A Journey Through **Richard Branson** the Sahara

accumulate humble duration calculate maximum capital negotiate massive controvers meagre design strive objective dominate subordinate eclipse economy esteem support terrain transport excel vital vow

Topic 3:

Topic 4: The End of the Earth ample effect evolve exaggerate beneficial

expanse clarity exploit conclude conserve contaminate contextualise hypothesis cultivate dense deposit determine plummet diminish

Topic 5: **The England Riots** of 2011 factor boisterous intimidate campaign

consequence declare drastic encountei erupt

Topic 6: The Dictato associate exclude

devote diligent clarify enquiring classify inference envision comm influence impel malevole multiple delineate legislation pest dialogue discretion liberate manipulate ecollect restore eligible paraphrase specific elude surmise

Topic 7:

Your Feet

and Intriguing Scientists analvse conceptualise concise define formulate illustrate precise

predict

prelimina primitive priority

Topic 9:

cite

tailor

Topic 10:

Evacuated

Topic 8:

Wonderful

marvel onset possess prominent prosecute prove pursue reluctant repeat resolute retaliate urban

Topic 10:

Topic 9:

Muhammad

aspirationa innovative minute leisure monoton maiority narrate predicame optimist recount organise remorse orient restrain participate rigorous salvage subsequen significant substitute

Topic 12:

critic

infer

Topic 11:

World

Records

Fascinating

envoy genre . idiom impenetrable jovial likeness reinforce rural state study

Topic 13:

Southbury

Topic 1: Remember Remember Block

abnormal overwhelm accelerate bystander unscathed casualty ensue vindictive incident intensify investigate

narrative acquire addict notify agitate prepare present apathy bestov blatan status casual tragedy conduct consider

bad for you? downright enthral interact irate lethal perceive perturb reflect wary

Are computer games

adjacent whim drone figment gruesome snare toxic

Topic 4:

The Lady in the House

Garden Heist braggart compose counterfeit flabbergasted fruitless maternal mull pending ponder substantial

Topic 5:

acclimatise demise dependent hurtle implore predatory species

Topic 6:

congested articulate benevolent bewilder compromis epidemio incorporate exuberant reiterate inundated rejuvenate nurture prior qualms rupture subtle reprimand supervise uncertainty

Apartheid

era

vilify

Topic 8:

& His Bird

dumbfounded

Topic 9:

transition

vigour

Jason and

The Tale of Generation Narcissus & Echo bespoke antagonise capricious despondent derive disheartened diversify evoke gratify indifferent legitimate narcissistic orthodox obnoxious retort simultaneously shun

chorus gaudy gravity haggle illiterate infuriate loathe maul mirth rant

Beethoven

King of the

concur barrage corrupt compulsory diagnose dismal customary debut discourage mortify oration peevish gallant plagiarise overwrought stodgy perilous stricken

Block 9 The Singer

anarchy antics clarify dialect eccentric

formidable

Topic 1:

inform

introdu

ovation

participate

interrogate

Topic 1:

assess minimise audacious onslaught defect sublime deter susceptible engage enigma feasible fluster haven intervene

The Mercenary

Grounded! authority avail

demonstrate

detach

deplore desolate eventful excruciating grope overt pang recur

Topic 4: Strange Beasts component crucial deploy

atrocity consciousness fend exceptional foreboding ornate pionee pungent promote recount sedative ultimate voracious

Malala

attribute augment awry benign corroborate disrepute lucrative mask phenomenon surpass synthesise trace

bountiful connoisseu ferret glut plunder proficient rational staple

Foods from

Around the

World

the Golden Fleece concept clasp contend contrast doctrine ghastly humane rascible profound prohibit indifferen integrate militant sorcery speculate stint tirade partition pivotal segregate

capacious caption clad contribute dispatch encroach fastidious panorama rebuke squalor

wage

Topic 8:

A History of Hip Hop

depict exotic plausible reference swelter

Survival!

deciphe dissociate excerpt expose mien millennium paragon prodigy resolved preposterous revelation promulgate regard translate repudiate unintelligible revolutionise

contagious fortify heritage liberal loll omnipoteni sage servile tycoon

Topic 14:

Revolution credible impartial implication pacify prevalent punitive sabotage succumb technique

Topic 2: **Body Art!** amend archaic deleterious demonstrate

hinder

lexicon

staggering

ubiquitous

subtlety

abrogate alternative arbitrary comprehen devastate diligent indolent isolate proponent

rapport

Mahatma Gandhi

Topic 3:

The Space Race! approximate correspond cursory deficient elation evaluate explicit fluctuate

hypothetical

obsolete

redundant

respective

Topic 4:

Colonialism circumnavigate civilise enlarge indigenous nationalist occupy oppresse refute regime territory universal

Topic 5:

Marilyn Monroe adulation autonomy enrapture forsake iconic morale stature strenuous utilise versatile

Topic 6:

biased brutality chronicle conflict daunting dutiful imprecise myriac neutral patriotic

Topic 7:

ambivalent attribute detract distort imply induce interpret juxtapose obscure

pertinent

abhor ambush correlation exclusive expeditious fraction menace penalty rampage

Topic 9:

decorum

emanate

expulsion

finesse

flourish

laudable

poignant tarnish

Peoples of the

Americas

momentous

Topic 9:

abscond assuage confine disparate manifestation mitigate sovereignty steadfast thwart

Topic 10:

Marvellous

Topic 10:

Topic 1: Block 11 The Life of **Charles Dickens**

catalyst earnest emulate invigorate relevant replicate

verbose

Topic 2: The Rise of Social Media coincide

derogatory disseminate dubious fabricate garrulous inadvertent incessant incite marginalise mendacious oblivious pervade rudimentary violate

Topic 3: Rosa Parks

austere condemn construe deviate lurid morose reticent sanction writhe

Topic 3:

Topic 4: **Climate Crisis!**

complacent detrimental devoid dormant eradicate forecast imminent impending impoverish innocuous intractable negligent ramification tentative yield

Topic 5: Topic 6: Lifting the Curtain The Kindertransport on Musical Theatre altruistic amalgamate

arduous capitulate cavort deferential commemorate flippant convene garish gesticulate grandiose gratuitous extol hanker extricate hierarchy obliterate proliferate sceptical riveting salient sycophant tyranny transmute

Topic 7: Cast Your Vote! acquiesce

belligerer defer devious discord encumbe enfeeble faction galvanise instigate ratify recalcitrant resent staunch tenacious

requisite finite consign

pragmatic

utilitarian

circumvent

subterraneai

convergence espouse

ephemeral

quixotic

infrastructure

Topic 8: The Obamas: **White House** affinity

amicable apposite calibre demeanou imbue implement inception onerous oust proclaim . resolution

Olympic Moments that Changed the World abominable cacophony

chronic constitute fruitful incisive negate prescribe procedure resilient resource suppress

2 Block

idiosyncrasy plethora convivial empirical exiguous deviation oblation

ablution

Happy New Year!

Renaissance

exodus

cognisant subsistence sustainable egregious rapturous moribund accretion vociferous fundamental ameliorate anthropology curtail encapsulate efficacious symbiosis engende in vogue preponderance burgeoning contingent impecunious pernicious incumbent apportion disenfranchise

Feeding the UK

Seacole

execrable nonpareil convalesce vitriol exigent contingent remiss incapacitate maelstrom linchpin

Topic 5: Loot

maudlin elephantine surreptitious furtive reprobate sanguine enervate irreverent neophyte emissary officious matriarchal subjugate satiate obfuscate

Topic 6: **Bog Bodies**

aspersion ostensible prodigious conducive ramification inchoate vestige incontrovertible punctilious inexorable equivocal postulate

heterogeneous

Topic 7: **Alternative Energy**

> noisome creole carouse ostracise bourgeois sensibility largesse sobriquet innuendo pellucid exhort protean

Topic 8: Calypso Music

pantheon circa stratified imperial intelligibility supercilious vacillate pugnacious coerce benighted supersede truculent codify

The Legend of Sun Wukong refulgent insouciant palatial lachrymose ebullient

Topic 10:

prostrate intone expunge impious cadaverous espy sentinel commensurate venerable penitence

Grammar curriculum overview

The grammar curriculum is linear and builds on the knowledge already gained. Each unit prepares students for what they will need to support them to be a high achiever in their SATs and later in their GCSEs.

Unit	Lesson title	
Word classes	NounsVerbsAdjectives	Types of nounsVerb tenses
Capital letters	 Introduction to capital letters Capitalising days, dates, and times 	 Capitalising proper nouns Capitalising titles, initials, and abbreviations
Sentence basics	 Introduction to sentences Capital letters to start a sentence Full stops to finish a statement 	 Questions Commands Exclamations
Sentence structure	Subject of a sentenceMain verb in a sentenceObject of a sentence	Independent clausesSubordinate clausesSimple sentences
Sentence structure part 2	Introduction to commas Commas in a list Commas with adjectives	ConjunctionsCompound sentencesCompound-complex sentences

Advanced				
Unit	Lesson title			
Word classes	 Singular and plural nouns Countable and non-countable nouns Collective nouns Abstract and concrete nouns 	PronounsDeterminersPrepositionsAdverbs		
Punctuation	 Commas to clarify meaning Commas for additional information Inverted commas for dialogue 	 Semi-colons and colons Brackets and dashes Hyphens Apostrophes 		
Sentence structure	 Coordinating conjunctions Subordinating conjunctions Relative clauses Passive/active voice 	 Progressive/ Continuous tense Perfect tense Conditional clauses Phrases 		
Modifying sentences	 Noun phrases Adverbial phrases including fronted adverbials Adverbials of time, place, manner and number 	Prepositional phrasesAdverbials indicating degrees of possibilityModal verbs		

For additional support in teaching an understanding of morphology, Bedrock's core curriculum features a common roots curriculum. You can explore 37 common Greek and Latin roots.

Lesson	Words			
1	dict	miss/mit	cosm	
2	chron	spec	duc	
3	port	phon	poli	
4	cycl	ped	rupt	
5	act	gen	photo	
6	morph	loc	geo	
7	man	cred	min	
8	vis	metr	aud	
9	ast	tact	therm	
10	bio	gram	scrib	scop
11	struct	graph	fic	
12	рор	ang	sign	



102 GCSE English Terms

GCSE English support curriculum overview

Bedrock's GCSE English Terms and Analysis is a broad, detailed and challenging scheme of learning, teaching 102 language techniques and structural features within the context of literary poetry and prose, across fiction and non-fiction texts. Its aim is to develop a deep understanding of subject terminology, enabling students to confidently identify and analyse writers' methods. From the basics such as ensuring all students know what a proper noun is, to more advanced techniques like sibilance and soliloguy, Bedrock's 102 Terms covers it all.

Unit 1: Words and word classes

noun passive verb
proper noun active verb
common noun imperative verb
abstract noun adjective
verb adverb

Unit 2: The structure of fiction

plot exposition
genre climax
theme denouement
protagonist foreshadowing
antagonist cyclical structure

Unit 3: Narrative devices

narrative voice dialogue
register direct
bias characterisation

direct address

Unit 4: Language devices

connotation emotive language
denotation colloquial language
pun idiom
dialect euphemism
taboo language oxymoron

Unit 5: Structure and sound

structure alliteration
syntax consonance
ellipsis assonance
repetition sibilance
emphasis onomatopoeia

Unit 6: Poetry and poetic devices

syllable stanza
stress line break
rhythm caesura
meter enjambment
form sonnet

Unit 7: Descriptive devices

mood metaphor
tone juxtaposition
shift personification
imagery anthropomorphism
simile pathetic fallacy

Unit 8: Drama, irony and argument

rule of three verbal irony
rhetorical question drama
hyperbole soliloquy
situational irony monologue
dramatic irony comedy

Prose

Great Expectations, Charles Dickens
'The Lady with the Dog', Anton Chekhov
Frankenstein, Mary Shelley
Wuthering Heights, Emily Brontë
Dubliners, James Joyce
Three Men in a Boat, Jerome K. Jerome
Behind a Mask, Louisa May Alcott
Far from the Madding Crowd, Thomas Hardy
The Yellow Wallpaper, Charlotte Perkins
The War of the Worlds, H.G. Wells
Character Building, Booker T. Washington
To the Lighthouse, Virginia Woolf

Poetry

'Dulce et Decorum Est', Wilfred Owen

'Sonnet 116', William Shakespeare

'The Tell-Tale Heart', Edgar Allen Poe

'The House was just Twinkling in the Moonlight', Gertrude Stein

'To Joanna', William Wordsworth

'Sonnet 30', William Shakespeare

'Ozymandias', Percy Bysshe Shelley

'La Belle Dame Sans Merci', John Keats

'Air and Angels', John Donne

'How do I Love Thee? Let me Count the Ways',

Elizabeth Barrett Browning

Plays

Othello, William Shakespeare Romeo and Juliet, William Shakespeare

A Woman of No Importance, Oscar Wilde

Macbeth, William Shakespeare

A Doll's House, Henrik Ibsen

The Taming of the Shrew, William Shakespeare

Two Gentlemen of Verona, William Shakespeare

Les Misérables, Victor Hugo

Much Ado about Nothing, William Shakespeare

and many more...

In addition, if you're studying Stevenson's Jekyll and Hyde, Bedrock's multimodal scheme of learning is the perfect companion.

It will guide your students through the novella, unpack difficult language, focusing on character, theme and setting, and provide modelled responses and scaffolded writing opportunities.

Chapter 1

countenance florid
austere dingy
reputable sinister
undemonstrative ravages
catholicity sordid

Chapter 2

sombre solemn
divinity boisterous
decease geniality
customary balderdash
immodest toil

Chapter 3

pedant heresy abominable incoherency irrepressible

Chapter 4

ferocity quail
fury lurid
hail conflagration
mangled haggard
insensate assail

Chapter 5

anatomical carbuncle
gaunt smother
apparatus procession
feverish artery
ruminate insensibly

Chapter 6

legibly melancholy accursed stringent pathetically mortify destiny inscrutable amity recluse

Chapter 7

repulsion twilight mien disconsolate abject

Chapter 8

diaphanous calamity hysterical anguish unseemly

Chapter 9

sacrifice summon morbid conscience labour

Chapter 10

imperious transience
duplicity vestment
transcendental effulgence
multifarious temptation
penitence ebullition

Characters

Mr Gabriel Utterson Mr Richard Enfield Mr Edward Hyde Dr Henry Jekyll Dr Hastie Lanyon Poole Sir Danvers Carew

Themes

Reputation
Science
Evolution and atavism
Violence
The supernatural
Restraint
Duality

Settings

Dr Jekyll's hall Jekyll's cabinet Hyde's rooms

Context

Victorian London Victorian society Gothic literature

Writer's techniques

Narrative voice Fog Letters Suspense



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