National 5 English

The National 5 English Course enables learners to develop their literacy skills and to understand, analyse and evaluate a range of texts, including Scottish texts, in the contexts of literature, language and media. The Course also enables learners to create and produce texts and to apply their knowledge and understanding of language.

Course structure

This Course is made up of two mandatory Units. The Course provides learners with the opportunity to develop their listening, talking, reading and writing skills in order to understand and use language. The two Units include the four language skills of listening, talking, reading and writing. The structure of the Units enables learners to focus on the skills required to understand and use language, and to integrate listening, talking, reading and writing skills across the Units. Each Unit also offers opportunities for learners to focus on particular skills.

English: Analysis and Evaluation (National 5)

The purpose of this Unit is to provide learners with the opportunity to develop listening and reading skills in the contexts of literature, language and media. Learners develop the skills needed to understand, analyse and evaluate detailed texts.

English: Creation and Production (National 5)

The purpose of this Unit is to provide learners with the opportunity to develop talking and writing skills in a range of contexts. Learners develop the skills needed to create and produce detailed texts in both written and oral forms.

Portfolio of Writing

As part of the Creation and Production Unit, pupils produce a portfolio of writing. Pupils must submit one broadly <u>discursive</u> (argumentative or persuasive) piece as well as one broadly <u>creative</u> (short story or personal reflective) piece.