

## English Language

**Task 1:** Listen to two of the six podcasts below and make notes on the following:

1. What their view on the language topic is
  2. Who they are
  3. What your personal opinion is about the topic
- [BBC Radio 4 - Word of Mouth, Jeffrey Boakye on black-related words](#)
  - [BBC Radio 4 - Word of Mouth, Young Women as Linguistic Innovators](#)
  - [BBC Radio 4 - Word of Mouth, Social Register](#)
  - [BBC Radio 4 - Word of Mouth, Slang](#)
  - [BBC Radio 4 - Word of Mouth, Language Evolution: A Gene for Language?](#)
  - [BBC Radio 4 - Word of Mouth, Emoji: The Future of Language?](#)

**Task 2:** Read or watch two of the four texts below about how language change is ruining the language, and make notes on the following (*you may need to register with The Guardian's website but it's free*):

1. What their view on the language topic is
  2. Who they are
  3. What your personal opinion is about the topic
- [Is this the worst mangling of the English language? - The Mirror](#)
  - [It's only Getting Worse! — Tamarack Communication](#)
  - [Unalived: How Social Media is Ruining Our Language](#)
  - [The World Is Actually Getting Worse At English](#)

**Task 3:** Read two of the four articles below about how language change is positive and natural, and make notes on the following (*you may need to register with The Guardian's website but it's free*):

4. What their view on the language topic is
  5. Who they are
  6. What your personal opinion is about the topic
- [It's bare sick that the OED cares how young people speak | Coco Khan | The Guardian](#)
  - [Resistance to changes in grammar is futile, say researchers | Language | The Guardian](#)
  - [Is language like fashion, or the weather? | David Shariatmadari | The Guardian](#)
  - [ICYMI, English language is changing faster than ever, says expert | Language | The Guardian](#)

**Task 4:** Read three research articles from this link (scroll to see articles) and make notes on the following:

1. What their view on the language topic is
  2. Who they are
  3. What your personal opinion is about the topic
- [Linguistics Research Digest: Language Change \(linguistics-research-digest.blogspot.com\)](#)

**Task 5:** Create your own opinion article where you express your views about whether language change is positive and natural or is instead ruining the language.

Your article should include:

- your opinion on the topic
- knowledge from what you've watched and read – make it clear where you've gotten this knowledge from
- examples of how language has changed (either from what you've watched/read or your own examples)

Make sure your article is written in the correct style of an opinion article.