

## What independent study looks like in... *English Language*

1. Follow the legendary linguist, David Crystal, on Twitter: [@davcr](https://twitter.com/davcr)
2. Read Jay Rayner's restaurant reviews; they are a masterclass in how to use similes, irony and hyperbole effectively: <http://www.jayrayner.co.uk/journalism/>
3. Create flash cards or Quizlet cards for the closed and open word classes that you need to learn for AO1.
4. Listen to and transcribe the opening of a political speech. Make sure that you include a key to indicate how you have captured the prosodic features.
5. Explore the 'Word of the Year' lists from **Oxford Living Dictionaries**. Delve back a few years to see how our language has changed and continues to change:  
<https://en.oxforddictionaries.com/word-of-the-year>
6. Watch an episode of '**The Secret Life of 4 and 5 Year Olds**' to see Child Language Acquisition in action. These are available on '**All4**'.
7. Go to the library, select a book and write a critical commentary exploring the choices used in the opening page of any novel.
8. Draw a mind map and list as many theorists as you can remember.
9. Use **Google books** and search key phrases, like, '*Lakoff, Deficit Model*' and make a note of critical nuggets.
10. To learn more about accents and dialects, access the '**BBC Voices**' project to hear recordings of spoken language from a range of geographical locations:  
<https://sounds.bl.uk/Accents-and-dialects/BBC-Voices>

