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Watch these Films:

Project Nim



Can Chimpanzees learn language? This film documents a linguistic experiment done in the 1970s that tested just that! A chimpanzee called Nim is brought up as a human child and he is taught sign language — would he learn grammar like human children? How sophisticated would his language become? Fascinating but a little sad

Mockingbird Don't Sing



Can humans who have been deprived of all human contact ever learn to speak? This film is a dramatisation of a true story – a little girl brought up in an abusive home where she is punished for speaking. Horrific. She was discovered age 13 and linguists tried to teach her language. But was it just too late?

Arrival



Can a linguist learn to communicate with an alien species?

It's genuinely more linguistic than you think – read this:

https://www.independent.co.uk/artsentertainment/films/features/arrival-jessica-coon-linguistamy-adams-donald-trump-language-a7640106.html

The King's Speech



Can a King with a very noticeable stammer learn to conquer his anxiety and speech impediment after coaching from a specialist. Based on a true story But how linguistically accurate is it? Read this:

https://www.health.harvard.edu/blog/oscar-or-not-the-kings-speech-teaches-about-stuttering-201102271582

Social Network



A true story that documents how Facebook was formed and how social media changed how we communicate. The film makes you think about the new ways that we use language in technical contexts and how we talk to each other online. Read more:

https://linguagreca.com/blog/2014/08/how-social-media-is-changing-language/

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=P2XVdDSJHqY

Here are more movies with some language focus:

https://k-international.com/blog/movies-about-languages/

Learn the invented Dothraki language in Game of Thrones!

https://www.babbel.com/en/magazine/the-invented-languages-in-game-of-thrones

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=8VyxspLdQBs

Watch these Documentaries:

Stephen Fry's Planet Word



Brilliant documentary series on all aspects of language – from how babies learn to speak to accents and dialects or why we swear! All episode available online, or DVD is available to buy. Truly fascinating and fun to watch!

The Secret Life of Four Year Olds or Five Year Olds



Brilliant documentary series on how children learn to interact with others in the world around them.

Learning to use language is a key part of this – watch and see how children learn to acquire words and those all-important social skills

Listen to these Podcasts:

Something Rhymes with Purple



Something Rhymes with Purple is

a **podcast** about **words** and language. It's hosted by Susie Dent, the star of dictionary corner on 8/10 Cats Does Countdown and author, broadcaster and ex MP Gyles Brandreth. (Susie Dent is at Chester Literature Festival, November 2020 – get tickets!)

Word of Mouth



Word of Mouth is a series exploring the world of words and the ways in which we use them. Recent episodes are on the language of the NHS, the language of lying, Anglo Saxon word origins, the language of science, the most powerful word in the English language and much more.....

The Language Revolution



The Language Revolution podcast is about changing attitudes to languages in the UK. There is information on bilingualism, child language acquisition, grammar, poetry and more!

Visit these Websites:

English Language Blog: https://englishlangsfx.blogspot.com/

This is a really useful BLOG with articles and specific AQA English Language advice for students.

Linguistics Site: http://vyvevans.net/

Vyv Evans is a Professor of Linguistics and there are lots of interesting links on his site. His 'Quick read - Four Key Essays' are worth a read!

Lexico: https://www.lexico.com/

Linked to the Oxford English Dictionary, there are lots of language articles here.

Watch these TED Talks:

https://www.ted.com/talks/patricia kuhl the linguistic genius of babies?language=en

https://www.ted.com/talks/lera boroditsky how language shapes the way we think?language=en

https://www.ted.com/talks/david peterson why language is humanity s greatest invention

https://www.ted.com/talks/claire bowern where did english come from

https://www.ted.com/talks/steven_pinker_what_our_language_habits_reveal

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https://www.ted.com/talks/safwat saleem why i keep speaking up even when people mock my accent

Watch these Online Videos:

Language as a window to understanding the brain:

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Q-B ONJIEcE

The History of English: https://t.co/7boKtMI6wm

What is Language?: https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=LwG9SNeCof8#action=share

Language and Creativity: https://youtu.be/-64 QUUjEv8

Shakespeare, the original pronunciation: https://youtu.be/gPlpphT7n9s

A Brief History of Emoji: https://youtu.be/ tTXLuZHYf4

The Language of Lying: https://youtu.be/q9eOGEfuYqg

The Language of Comedy:

https://youtu.be/6YVT6Sqlogg?list=PLhQpDGfX5e7CukqvITLnDp6srlyE_nFKY

Filter Bubbles and Fake News: https://youtu.be/eaolE1blpWk

Narrative in Journalism and Politics: https://youtu.be/iCP ifjRZgA

Why do we swear?: https://youtu.be/TsFm-pN XJ0

English in the EU: Worlds of English: https://youtu.be/CKAeFi1IT54

Teaching a robot how to speak:

https://www.open.edu/openlearn/languages/teaching-robot-how-speak

Why did English become an International Language?

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=iqDFPU9YeQM

Child Language Acquisition: https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=gs Mjl08-Eo

How children learn Language: https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=ir7arlLiqxg

Child Directed Speech: https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Xuovu3Uk3dc

Child Language Acquisition Theories: https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=jr hK2Owq80

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by Linguistics as we are!



