

A Level English Language summer homework

Your summer homework is to write a 400 – 500 word analysis of either Text A (the tweets about the royal wedding) or Text B (the transcript from an interview with Prince Harry and Meghan Markle).

If you choose to write about Text A, you should consider:

- The use of features typical of tweets
- How the writers use language to present their attitudes to the royal wedding

If you choose to write about Text B, you should consider:

- The use of features typical of spoken language
- The use of features typical of an interview
- How Prince Harry and Meghan Markle use language to present themselves

Text A is a series of tweets about the wedding of Prince Harry and Meghan Markle and which were sent on the day of their wedding.

[Theresa May](#) **Verified account** @theresa_may May 19

My very best wishes to Prince Harry and Meghan Markle on their wedding day. To all of those joining the national celebration with street parties and other events, have a wonderful day. [#RoyalWedding](#)

[e @tomhollandx](#) May 19

yeah feel alone now & that i'll never find true love, this has set my expectations way too high [#RoyalWedding](#)

[Matt Haig](#) **Verified account** @matthaig1 May 19

Amid all the ridiculous theatre they are clearly in love and that is beautiful.

[Dr Fern Riddell](#) **Verified account** @FernRiddell May 19

Can I just say, sitting here in my pants and a dr who t shirt, she looks ABSOLUTELY BEAUTIFUL. AND WALKING ALONE OMG [#royalwedding](#)

[Lucy Prebble](#) **Verified account** @lucyprebblish May 19

It's fun to guess where the snipers are

[Shappi Khorsandi](#) **Verified account** @ShappiKhorsandi May 19

My children have ordered me to stop crying. I caaaaan't!!!! I'm like this at any wedding. His mum would have straightened out that ruffle. Waaaaaaah!!!! [#RoyalWedding](#)

[Elizabeth Windsor](#) @Queen_UK May 19

Elton John sang at the reception. Other than that, it's been quite nice. [#royalwedding](#)

[Republic](#) **Verified account** @RepublicStaff May 19

The royals are running out of fresh ideas and big PR opportunities - now the real debate about this rotten institution must begin. [#RoyalWedding](#)

[Gina Yashere](#) @ginayashere May 19

He asked me 1st... [_instagram.com/p/Bi950AMH0S1/_____](#)

[Archbishop of Canterbury](#) **Verified account** @JustinWelby May 19

Congratulations to the Duke and Duchess of Sussex! May God pour out his blessings upon you in your new life together. [#RoyalWedding](#)

Text B is an extract from an interview given by Prince Harry and Meghan Markle at Kensington Palace on the day their engagement was announced. The interviewer is Mishal Husain. It was broadcast on 27th November 2017 on the BBC News Channel.

KEY TO TRANSCRIPTIONS

(.)	micropause
(1)	timed pause
{laughs}	paralinguistic features or sound effects
yes	words in bold show emphatic stress
// //	overlapping speech

MH: Mishal Husain **MM:** Meghan Markle **PH:** Prince Harry

MH: your Royal Highness (.) Meghan Markle congratulations to you both

MM: thank you

MH: can we start with the proposal and the actual moment of your engagement when did it happen? how did it happen?

PH: (1) er it happened er a few weeks ago erm earlier this month here at at our cottage erm just a standard typical night for us

MM: just a cosy night it was what we were doing just roasting chicken // and having //

PH: // roasting a chicken //

trying to roast a chicken

MM: trying to roast a chicken and it just (.) just er an amazing surprise it was so sweet and (.) natural and (.) very romantic (.) he got on one knee {laughs}

PH: of course

MH: was it an instant yes from you?

MM: **yes** as a matter of fact I could barely let you finish proposing I said can I say yes now?

PH: she didn't even let me finish she said can I say yes can I say yes and then were was hugs and I had the ring in my finger and I was like can I can I give you the ring? she goes oh yes the ring so no it was um it was a really nice moment it was just the two of us and um I think I managed to catch catch her by surprise as well

MM: yeah

MH: and this is how long after you first met?

MM: (1) oh it would be a year and a half two

PH: yeah

MM: a little bit more than that?

PH: no just about it would be about a year and a half yeah

MM: just about that?

MH: which for most people would be (.) quite a whirlwind is that how it's felt to you?

MM: (1) I don't think that I would call it a whirlwind er in terms of our relationship obviously there have been layers attached to how public it has become um after we had a good five six months almost with just privacy which was amazing um but no I think we were able to really have so much time (.) just to connect and we never went longer than two weeks without seeing each other even though we were obviously doing a long distance relationship so it's um we made it work