



ENGLISH ROUTES

SUBJECT PATHWAYS

CAREERS

Many careers that are directly related to English require higher education - and sometimes post graduate – qualifications. They include:

- Commissioning editor
- Copy writer / editor
- Editorial assistant
- English as a foreign language teacher
- Journalist
- Lecturer
- Lexicographer School teacher

English is important for most jobs but particularly for any that need good spoken and written skills. Here's a selection:

- Advertising account executive
- Arts administrator
- Barrister
- Blogger / vlogger
- Bookseller
- Broadcaster
- Digital marketing manager
- Film / TV editor
- Information officer
- Legal executive
- Librarian / library assistant
- Market researcher
- Marketing assistant
- Media researcher
- Proofreader
- Public relations officer
- Research assistant
- Social media manager
- Solicitor
- Speech therapist
- TV production assistant
- TV researcher
- Web content manager
- Web editor

There are different routes into these careers, including higher education and, in some cases, apprenticeships.

SKILLS

Studying English can also help you develop wider skills such as:

- Communication
- Creativity
- Critical thinking
- Information handling
- Negotiation
- Organisation
- Presentation
- Research
- Team work
- Using IT
- Time management
- Understanding other points of view
- Working independently

These skills are important for many jobs at different levels and with a range of entry routes, including apprenticeships and further or higher education. Here's a selection:

- Administrative / clerical assistant
- Care home manager
- Care worker
- Charity fundraiser
- Civil service officer
- Customer services assistant
- Human resources manager
- Nurse
- Occupational therapist
- Personal assistant
- Police officer
- Retail buyer
- Sales assistant
- Sales director
- Social worker
- Social work assistant
- Telephone sales

DID YOU KNOW?

Sheffield MP Angela Smith studied English at university, as did the actress Emma Watson, TV presenter Clare Balding and MPs Andy Burnham and Caroline Lucas.

Many English graduates enter careers that aren't directly related to the subject. Some have gone on to be chief executive of companies such as Walt Disney, Avon, Hewlett Packard and YouTube!

ROUTES

Many jobs require at least GCSE grade A*-C / 9-4 in English.

There are different routes into many careers, including full time study, higher education and apprenticeships.

If you want to write, you can use digital media (e.g. blogs, fan fiction or electronic publishing) to improve your craft and reach an audience. Keeping up with new technology will help you make the most of other new opportunities. Freelance work and short contracts are commonplace so you need good business sense and a network of contacts. There are courses in creative writing, including degrees and post graduate study but these aren't essential

FIND OUT MORE

For more job ideas, visit nationalcareersservice.direct.gov.uk/youngpeople then follow links to 'Aged 13-19' and 'Do something you're good at'.

If you're thinking about higher education, visit: www.prospects.ac.uk to see what art and design graduates have done after their degree.

Other websites

ccskills.org.uk

creativeskillset.org

sheffieldfutures.org.uk

ucasprogress.com

ucas.com

icould.com

bbc.co.uk/writersroom

www2.le.ac.uk/offices/english-association

writersandartists.co.uk

nationalcareersservice.direct.gov.uk