

## Matura Exam in English: Regulations & Guidelines

Students must decide in the second semester of their third year whether to take an English exam or an exam in their Ergänzungsfach. Candidates for the English exam can expect the following:

### Written exam

The written exam in English lasts **4 hours**. The paper is composed of the following elements:

- a **reading comprehension** based on a longer text in English including **vocabulary exercises**
- a **grammar** section
- an **essay** to be written from a selection of 4-5 topics, with one typically related to the reading comprehension

Students may use either a **bilingual or a monolingual dictionary** for the essay. Students have to supply their own dictionaries.

### Oral exam

The test lasts **15 minutes** and is **conducted by the candidate's English teacher**, with an external examiner also present. The mark awarded reflects the candidate's performance in terms of both **language and content**.

The candidate is required to choose **3 works of literature in English** to prepare on his/her own for questions and discussion. All the works must be by **different authors**. The titles selected **may include one play or a selection of poems or short stories** (the latter to be discussed with and approved by the English teacher concerned). **None of the titles chosen may be one read in class or prepared for a presentation or similar**. A list of suitable titles will be supplied by the English teacher in question.

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