

# OCR GCSE English, GCSE English Language and GCSE English Literature

## Contemporary Poetry Set Texts

The OCR set texts have been chosen by teachers working across our three specifications. They have been chosen to make it easier for you to move your learners between courses without them having to start new set text study.



## Simon Armitage

About His Person	Poem
Alaska	The Convergence of the Twain
Gooseberry Season	The Hitcher
In Our Tenth Year	To Poverty
Kid	True North
Mice and snakes don't give me the shakes	Wintering Out
Mother any distance greater than a single span	Without Photographs
My father thought it bloody queer	

## Gillian Clarke

Angelus	Miracle on St David's Day
Anorexic	My Box
Baby-sitting	On The Train
Clocks	Overheard in County Sligo
Coming Home	The Field Mouse
Cold Knap Lake	The Hare
Hare in July	Sunday
Marged	



## Wendy Cope

Being Boring?	Mr Strugnell
Engineers' Corner	On Finding an Old Photograph
Exchange of Letters	Reading Scheme
From Strugnell's Sonnets (iv) Not only marble, but the plastic toys	Sonnet of '68
From Strugnell's Sonnets (vii) Indeed 'tis true. I travel here and there	The Lavatory Attendant
Lonely Hearts	The Stickleback Song
Manifesto	Tich Miller
Message	

## Carol-Ann Duffy

Answer	Mrs Lazarus
Before You Were Mine	Nostalgia
Brothers	Stealing
Dream	The Good Teachers
Head of English	War Photographer
In Mrs Tilscher's Class	Who Loves You
In Your Mind	Wintering
Liar	



## Seamus Heaney

An Advancement of Learning	Punishment
Ancestral Photograph	Scaffolding
A Constable Calls	Serenade
Blackberry Picking	Servant Boy
Death of a Naturalist	The Early Purges
Digging	The Summer of Lost Rachel
Follower	Wheels within Wheels
Mid-Term Break	

## Benjamin Zephaniah

Adultery	Press Ups and Sit Ups
Biko	Reminders
Bought and Sold	Room for Rent
Breakfast in East Timor	The Woman Has to Die
Chant of a Homesick Nigga	Three Black Males
Deep in Luv	What If
Having a Word	What Stephen Lawrence Has Taught Us
Jimmy Grows Old	

