

# AQA English Lit GCSE

## Jekyll and Hyde - Key Terms

### Flashcards

# What is an allusion?

# What is an allusion?

An indirect reference to a concept or theme without explicit mention.

# What is antithesis?

# What is antithesis?

A rhetorical device where contrasting concepts are placed together in a text, typically a sentence, to highlight how opposite they are.

# What does it mean to conjecture?

# What does it mean to conjecture?

Formulate a conclusion based on incomplete information.

# What does connotation mean?

# What does connotation mean?

Using text to create implied meaning without explicitly referring to said meaning.

# What is a euphemism?

# What is a euphemism?

Replacement of a crude or offensive expression with a vague or mild one.

# What is hyperbole?

# What is hyperbole?

## Use of exaggerated statements.

What does it mean if a text is  
mythopoetic?

# What does it mean if a text is mythopoetic?

It contains reference to myths; the use of storytelling to lead to self-understanding for a group or individual.

# What is a semantic field?

# What is a semantic field?

Words which are linked by a theme or topic.

# What is pathetic fallacy?

# What is pathetic fallacy?

A form of personification; attributing human qualities to nonhuman things.

# What is metonymy?

# What is metonymy?

A figure of speech used to refer to an object, concept or person.

# What is foreshadowing?

# What is foreshadowing?

An indication that an event will occur later in the narrative.

# What is symbolism?

# What is symbolism?

Using one object or character to represent a wider concept running throughout the novel.

# What does epitome mean?

# What does epitome mean?

The perfect or ultimate embodiment of a quality.

# What is irony?

# What is irony?

Embedding a meaning by using language typically implying the opposite of what the writer is intending to express, often for a humorous effect.

# What is satire?

# What is satire?

Criticising people through the use of  
humour or irony.

# What is sibilance?

# What is sibilance?

## Repetition of “s” sounds.

# What is juxtaposition?

# What is juxtaposition?

Comparing two concepts, characters, or clauses, in close proximity in the passage for the effect of contrast.

# What is foreboding?

# What is foreboding?

Apprehension that a bad event will occur.

# What is tricolon?

# What is tricolon?

Three parallel phrases or words that are placed in succession within a text, without interruption.

# What does biblical mean?

# What does biblical mean?

Relating to the bible; religious connotations.

# What does syntactic mean?

# What does syntactic mean?

Relating to the arrangement of words  
within a sentence within a text.

# What is auditory imagery?

# What is auditory imagery?

A type of sensory imagery; language which appeals to the reader's hearing.

# What is temporal deixis?

# What is temporal deixis?

Language which references or manipulates time.

# What is olfactory imagery?

# What is olfactory imagery?

A type of sensory imagery; appeals to the reader's sense of smell.

# What is an oxymoron?

# What is an oxymoron?

Two opposing terms are placed next to each other.

# What is alliteration?

# What is alliteration?

Repetition of the same sound, usually letter, in close succession.

# What is an archetype?

# What is an archetype?

A common character type who possesses traits typical of their role.

# What is a colloquialism?

# What is a colloquialism?

An informal phrase common at its time of utterance.

# What is epistolary form?

# What is epistolary form?

A narrative told through letters and diary entries.

# What is parallelism?

# What is parallelism?

The use of grammatically identical or similar components repeated in a sentence or multiple sentences.

# What is dichotomy?

# What is dichotomy?

Contrast of two beings that are opposed or distinctly different.

# What is a novella?

# What is a novella?

A short novel, roughly 20,000 - 40,000 words.

# What is a foil?

# What is a foil?

A character who serves to contrast and emphasise certain characteristics of another character.

# What does fin de siècle mean?

# What does fin de siècle mean?

## The end of a century.

# What is a conventional detective novel?

# What is a conventional detective novel?

A subgenre of mystery & crime fiction, typically featuring a hero who is the investigator of the case and who eventually uncovers the truth.

# What is an expository tool?

# What is an expository tool?

Providing all the background information required to understand the forthcoming plot and the characters involved.

# What is inverse iconic word order?

# What is inverse iconic word order?

An inverted sentence e.g. having the subject placed before the verb. This is normally used to structure a question.

# What does debased mean?

# What does debased mean?

## Reduced in value.

# What is terror?

# What is terror?

A feeling of anticipation and dread observed before an experience which induces horror.

# What is horror?

# What is horror?

A feeling of revulsion after a frightening experience.

# What is morality?

# What is morality?

Awareness of the principles of right and wrong conduct.

# What is duality?

# What is duality?

Simultaneously displaying two halves,  
with the two halves often being opposite  
meanings.

What does it mean if someone is  
duplicitous?

# What does it mean if someone is duplicitous?

## They are in the state of being deceitful.

# What is moral myopia?

# What is moral myopia?

Being unable to see ethical issues clearly.

# What does it mean to be multifaceted?

# What does it mean to be multifaceted?

## To have many outlets.

# What does dissociate mean?

# What does dissociate mean?

# Separate.

# What is gemellology?

# What is gemellology?

## The scientific study of twins.

# What is a shilling shocker?

# What is a shilling shocker?

Cheap fiction popular in late Victorian England, which typically dealt with themes of crime or violence.

# What is Darwinism?

# What is Darwinism?

The theory of evolution of species.

# What does it mean to be agnostic?

# What does it mean to be agnostic?

Think that nothing is known to prove or disprove the existence of God.

# What does it mean to be pious?

# What does it mean to be pious?

## To be devoutly religious.

# What is a Victorian gentleman?

# What is a Victorian gentleman?

A man in Victorian society who didn't have to work, and was required to adhere to a strict set of social rules.

# What is a doppelganger

# What is a doppelganger?

# The double of someone already living.

# What does basal mean?

# What does basal mean?

## Essential or fundamental.

# Who is a contemporary reader?

# Who is a contemporary reader?

Someone reading the book at the time it was published.

# What is catharsis?

# What is catharsis?

Relief derived from releasing repressed emotion.

# What is gothic convention?

# What is gothic convention?

Stylistic characteristics of some texts, such as horror, terror, and the supernatural, which places it in the gothic genre.

# What is fatalism?

# What is fatalism?

The belief that all events are inevitable as they have been predetermined.

# What does it mean to be omnipotent?

# What does it mean to be omnipotent?

## All powerful.

# What is a troglodyte?

# What is a troglodyte?

A repulsive person who is solitary and acts eccentrically within a society.

# What is the human psyche?

# What is the human psyche?

All of the human mind, inclusive of the  
conscious and unconscious.

# What does it mean to augment something?

# What does it mean to augment something?

## Increase the value of it.

# What does subsume mean?

# What does subsume mean?

Absorb one thing into something else.

# What are idiosyncrasies?

# What are idiosyncrasies?

Behaviours of an individual which are peculiar.

# What is transmorphimism?

# What is transmorphim?

A transformation from one thing to another.

# What is hedonism?

# What is hedonism?

A self-indulgent life, which is dedicated to seeking pleasure.

# What is physiognomy?

# What is physiognomy?

The practice of using an individual's facial expression or characteristics as indicative of their character.

# What is atavism?

# What is atavism?

## Reverting to something primitive.

# What is a nonlinear narrative form?

# What is a nonlinear narrative form?

The events are depicted in a non-chronological order.

# What is anaphora?

# What is anaphora?

A word which refers to a previously used word.

# What is a Freudian slip?

# What is a Freudian slip?

An error, usually in speech but sometimes in action, which reveals unconscious thoughts and desires.

# What does it mean to be liminal?

# What does it mean to be liminal?

In an intermediate state, unable to be defined as one or the other.