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# Junior Cycle English Indicative First Year Text List

(For first year student cohorts 2021, 2022, 2023)



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The language skills being developed by students in junior cycle English are for the most part unconstrained skills that need to be frequently revisited and reinforced. Therefore, care will be needed to find a balance between choosing a sufficiently broad range of texts and providing learners with a variety of language experiences and opportunities to develop the range of skills envisioned in the learning outcomes. In support of this aim two lists of texts are provided:

- as a guide for first year an indicative list of texts from which teachers and students may choose **or** substitute text/s of their own choosing
- for second and third year there is a prescribed body of texts for novels, drama and film from which teachers must select.

This list for **first year** refers to specific texts only in the case of the novel. The purpose of this is simply to suggest the kinds of texts suitable for study during first year.

The following guidelines should be used to inform choice of texts.

First Year	A studied novel, with on-going, sustained reading of novels throughout the year
	A variety of drama extracts to suit appropriate learning outcomes
	A variety of non-literary texts including texts in oral format
	A number of short stories
	At least 10 poems

## Texts for first year

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CISNEROS, Sandra	The House on Mango Street
COOPER, Susan	The Dark Is Rising
COTTRELL BOYCE Frank	Millions
CREECH, Sharon	Walk Two Moons
DOWD, Siobhan	The Pavee and the Buffer Girl
DOYLE, Arthur Conan	The Adventures of Sherlock Holmes
FORDE, Patricia	The Wordsmith
FRANK, Anne	The Diary of a Young Girl
GAIMAN, Neil	The Graveyard Book (novel or graphic novel)
LOWRY, Lois	The Giver
LUCAS, Rachel	The State of Grace
McCAUGHREAN, Geraldine	The Death-Defying Pepper Roux
MURRAY, E.R.	The Book of Learning
NUNN, Malla	When the Ground is Hard
PRATCHETT, Terry	Wyrd Sisters
RUDDEN, Dave	Knights of the Borrowed Dark
SHAN, Darren	Cirque Du Freak
SLATER, Kim	A Seven-Letter Word
STEINBECK, John	The Red Pony

TOLKIEN, J.R.R.

The Hobbit

ZEPHANIAH, Benjamin

Refugee Boy

