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| **What you might study** | **I know a bit about this but have never studied it** | **I’ve studied this** | **Would like to learn more about it** |
| How children start to say their first words |  |  |  |
| The ways in which women and men use language in similar and different ways |  |  |  |
| Why everyone has an accent but why some accents are liked more than others |  |  |  |
| How social media language has developed rapidly in the last couple of decades |  |  |  |
| Where new words come from and why |  |  |  |
| Why people in India, Nigeria, USA and New Zealand all have their own ways of speaking English |  |  |  |
| How people in conversation interrupt and overlap with each other and how that works |  |  |  |
| How slang develops and how it’s been around for hundreds of years |  |  |  |
| Why some words in the language are particularly offensive and make others feel angry or upset |  |  |  |
| How writers use language to persuade and influence their readers  |  |  |  |
| Why some jobs and occupations develop their own specialist vocabulary and expressions |  |  |  |
| How people switch and shift the ways they use language in different situations and with different people |  |  |  |
| How English has changed from something that only the common people spoke to being the language of all parts of society |  |  |  |