

Competition 4: Language evolution

Find someone your parents' age or older, and ask them what words for common objects they used to use when they were young that they don't use or hear other people using any more. For example, *wood lice* can be referred to as *cheesy bugs*, *roly polies*, *woodpigs* or even something else depending on where you come from. Some of these words may be dialect and not a part of Standard English; others may have fallen out of use. If you speak a different language at home, it might be worth thinking about the interaction between this language and English. Think about why these words may have fallen out of use, and write a maximum 500-word essay about what you have found.

How to enter

1. Complete your competition entry and make sure it follows the guidelines listed below
2. Fill out the [Competition Cover Sheet](#)
3. Email your entry and your cover sheet to us at inspire@sjc.ox.ac.uk

Terms & Conditions

1. You must complete the [Competition Cover Sheet](#) and submit it along with your entry to inspire@sjc.ox.ac.uk before the closing date. If we do not receive a completed cover sheet with your entry, we will NOT be able to consider the entry.
2. The competition closes at **5pm on 1 March 2021**.
3. The work you submit must be entirely your own, and should be 500 words or less.
4. Competition entries from pupils in Year 10 will be evaluated separately from pupils in Year 11.
5. Competition winners will be contacted via email about two weeks after the competition's closing date. Two sets of the following prizes will be awarded:
 - a. 1st place: £20 Amazon gift voucher, entry listed on Inspire Digital
 - b. 2nd place: £10 Amazon gift voucher, entry listed on Inspire Digital
 - c. Up to 5 top entries: entry listed on Inspire Digital