

Sociology A Level – Preparatory Work 2026

Welcome to Sociology! The following activities are designed to prepare you for studying Sociology at A level. This is a completely new subject for you, so getting an idea about what sociology is will be really helpful.

We follow the AQA specification and study the following topics at A Level:

Topic	Year covered
Education	Year 1
Families and Households	Year 1
Research Methods	Year 1
Crime and deviance	Year 2
The Media	Year 2
Sociological Theory	Year 2

Task 1: What is Society?

The social world is changing. Some argue it is growing; others say it is shrinking. The important point is that society does not remain static over time; it constantly changes – through decades, centuries; and across countries/societies.

Think about the following questions:

- Give 3 different ways society has changed over the last 100yrs – think about the different areas of social life and work.
- Why has society changed? Why are societies different?
- Research the 3 main political parties – Conservative, Labour and Liberal Democrats: What are their main ideas? How are they different?

Task 2: What is Sociology?

Watch the video clip on YouTube: What is Sociology?

[What Is Sociology?: Crash Course Sociology #1 - YouTube](#)

Find definitions for the following key sociological terms:

- Socialisation (primary socialisation and secondary socialisation)
- Norms
- Values
- Identity
- Culture
- Social Class
- Gender
- Ethnicity