

English - Personal Learning Checklist

A Level English Language

Lang Paper 1

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- Did you manage to write at least 3 comparative paragraphs?
 Is your handwriting legible?
 Is this comparative response driven through AO1 and AO3?
- MAIN BODY OF ESSAY**
- Have you opened each paragraph up with a clear connection or contrast between Text A and Text B?
 Have you considered connections between: register; tone; audience; purpose; topic representation?
 Is every comparative point evidenced through direct quoting from the text?
 Is every comparative point linked to an AO1 Language reference – e.g. the use of 2nd person pronouns in Text A in comparison to heavy use of 1st person pronouns in Text B
 Within each paragraph, have you embedded considerations of how the texts are products of the time periods in which they are written? Media; Historical; Technological and Social. Have you explicitly signposted these?
 Have you used comparative discourse markers when introducing differences and similarities?
 Have you used precise terminology when labelling? E.g. superlative adjective

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Q4	INTRODUCTION	R	A	G
	AO2 - Has your opening identified which stage of speech development the child is at, based on their age?			
	AO1 - Have you identified & precisely labelled features typical of this stage present in the transcript?			
	AO2 - Have you discussed how contextual factors might affect the child's language use in the transcript?			
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	AO2 - Have you used the five main theories to structure your response?			
	AO1/AO2 - Have you used discourse markers at the beginning of each paragraph? E.g. Whilst / Although / Indeed / Even though / Despite / Further to this / Additionally / Most of all / Notably			
	AO2 - At the start of each paragraph, have you constructed a strong topic sentence that presents the theory being explored? E.g. Nativists such as Chomsky believe that humans are born with an innate capacity to acquire language			
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Q5	AO1/AO2 - Have you used discourse markers to build and develop ideas? E.g. Firstly, primarily, ostensibly, arguably, significantly, crucially, ultimately, evidently, whilst, notably, undoubtedly, on balance, finally,...			
	AO1 - Have you backed up each theory using examples from both the transcript and your own knowledge?			
	AO1 - Have you precisely labelled your examples and used features from different frameworks (lexis/semantics, grammar, phonology, discourse, etc.)?			
	AO2 - Have you critiqued and assessed the views of theorists according to the question?			
	AO2 - Have you included other theories where relevant (e.g. Halliday/Dore, Aitchison, Brown, Cruttenden, Wug test, Tomasello, Pinker, Nelson, etc.)			
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