

GCSE English Language Resit

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1. Define and write examples of the following techniques:

Adjective

Adverb

Verb

Noun

Pronoun

Simile

Metaphor

Personification

2. List the different techniques you can use when writing to argue (you may remember AFORESTRY or something similar).
3. Write a paragraph plan for one of the following tasks:
 - a. Write a letter to your local MP arguing that more needs to be provided for young people in the area.
 - b. Write a speech to your school assembly on what the school community can do to help save the environment
4. Write two paragraphs of your answer using the techniques you listed in number 2.
5. Read the passage below.

This story is set in the trenches during the First World War.

He saw it there, pushing through and twisting its head, saw the wet greasy fur and its mean red eyes. He kicked at it and missed. The rat scuttled out from the tiny gap between the slat supports and ran across the mud. Normally Alfred would have let it go. Rats were, after all, commonplace but something, whether pent-up anger... hate... loss... pain... boredom, whichever it was made him give chase after it. The

creature appeared sluggish, as if it were weighed down with overeating. It had most likely been feeding on what was caught, left behind, in the lines and coils of barbed wire which stretched for miles beyond the trench. The terrible sad debris of dead soldiers. The remains that were left behind after a 6am push.

- a. List four facts about the rat.
- b. How does the writer use language here to describe the rat? Select and explain two quotations.

You could include the writer's choice of:

- words and phrases
- language features and techniques
- sentence forms

Course Information

You will be studying AQA English Language.

This is assessed by two examinations in November and June.

Both exams are 1 hour 45 minutes long.

Paper 1 Explorations in creative reading and writing

You will answer questions on a story and produce your own description or story.

Paper 2 Writer's viewpoint and perspectives

You will examine and compare two non-fiction texts and write your own argument.

Useful Websites

The Official AQA Website

<https://www.aqa.org.uk/subjects/english/gcse/english-language-8700/specification-at-a-glance>

BBC Bitesize revision

<https://www.bbc.co.uk/bitesize/subjects/zr9d7ty>