

## How do I revise for English Language?

### **Section A – READING:**

READ as much as you can! Try to vary your reading diet and then use the questions below to challenge yourself after you have read something.

**Non-fiction texts:** eg newspaper articles, magazine articles, speeches, reports, reviews.

*What was the article about?*

*Can you summarise it?*

*Which bits stood out to you and why?*

*What kind of words did the writer use to make you interested? Any language or persuasive techniques used? What do you think the effect of these are?*

*What is the writer's point of view in the article? How does he/she get it across?*

**Fiction texts:** Short stories are a good start, or any other prose fiction. The exam extract will be approx. 750 words so you could just work with opening pages of novels, or perhaps opening pages of chapters.

*What happens in the extract?*

*Pick a character or setting from the bit you've read and tell me four things about him/her/it.*

*What kind of words did the writer use to make you interested? Any language or descriptive techniques used? What do you think the effect of these are?*

*How has the piece of writing been organised? What happens at the beginning, middle and end? Any turning points/flashbacks/foreshadowing/zooming in or out?*

*What did you like best about the extract?*

**Some good websites for news articles:**

<https://www.theguardian.com/uk>

<http://www.independent.co.uk/>

<http://www.telegraph.co.uk/>

<https://www.thetimes.co.uk/#section-news>

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## **Section B – WRITING**

1. Find a suitable picture in a magazine or online, and spend 45 minutes answering this question:

**Write a description as suggested by this picture.**

2. Use 4 different coloured highlighters to identify language features, interesting vocabulary, different types of punctuation and different types of sentences. Using what you have identified to help you, set yourself 2 targets for improvement and repeat task 1 again!
3. OR use your creative writing piece to answer the following question:  
**How does the writer use language to describe?**
4. Go on to <http://journalisted.com/> OR read an article in one of the newspapers suggested above, and write an article offering an alternative point of view. Eg, if the article argues that we should all become vegetarian – you should argue that we should all become carnivores!

## **General Revision tasks**

1. Download 'word of the day' app on your phone and increase your vocabulary
2. Play word games like Scrabble with your family and friends!
3. Read a news article and discuss it with your family and friends.
4. Read a book about something you're interested in for fun and enjoy the story or enjoy learning about something new.
5. Start writing your autobiography...
6. Write a letter to an MP about something you are concerned about or passionate about.
7. Enter an English writing competition.