

Introduction Day- GCSE English.

Hello- welcome to GCSE English. The exam board we cover is AQA English language 8700.

The first thing to do is to find something to read at home- this can be anything- a novel, an article, something online or an actual book. As you read think about the language the writer has used to interest you as a reader. Look at how they construct their sentences and use their commas, full stops and any other punctuation.

Lesson Task:

Narrative writing- Paper 1, question 5.

Think about a place. This can be real or imagined but needs to be somewhere you know and can describe. This could be your garden or a place on holiday. It could be in space, or underground. It could be Australia or the Amazon or even the moon.

Imagine you are standing in that place and write a list of words describing what you can see.

Now think about what you can hear- birds, people, spaceships, dinosaurs.

Now what can you smell- food? Animals?

What are you touching? Sand beneath your feet? Smooth leaves from the jungle overhead? A warm jumper?

Lastly what can you taste? Chips? Blood from when you fell over a tree trunk and bit your lip? Exotic food?

Now write about spending 15 minutes in your place, describing everything you have just imagined- think about the language you can use, have you got some unusual vocabulary you could use?

You should aim for at least 150 words which should be correctly spelt and punctuated.

You are on your own so there is no need for any dialogue.

Don't move to too many places, it is confusing for the reader.

Once you have finished read through your work- can you improve it?

Extension Task- once you have finished:

Identify the describing words (adjectives) by underlining them

Identify the nouns (person, place, object) by drawing a box around the word

Identify the verbs (doing words) by putting a * above them

Read your work though again- is it the best you can do?