

Revision tips for your iGCSE English Exam

You will shortly be sitting your iGCSE English First Language Reading and Writing exams (0990). Below are some tips to exam success, along with some links to class resources that it may be useful to review.

- Bring photographic ID to your exam; arrive at least fifteen minutes before the exam begins
- Bring pens and a highlighter
- Pay attention to timing, ensuring you leave yourself enough time to complete all questions
- You may wish to number the paragraphs in the insert texts, for ease of reference
- READ the questions carefully, and make sure you do exactly what you are asked to do
- Spend time at the end of the exam checking your work to ensure your spelling, punctuation and grammar is accurate. Don't forget to use paragraphs! (use // if you forget)
- Make sure to hit the requested word count; you'll lose marks if you do not write enough

READING PAPER (2 hrs, 50% of overall mark)

- Make sure to read the texts carefully and highlight the text where appropriate
- Don't guess an answer; you will always be able to find the answer somewhere in the text
- Summaries require the main points only, neatly threaded together
- When answering the 'how does the writer use language' question, always comment on WHY the phrases or words you have picked out are effective, and their effect on the reader
- In the final writing task you must base your response on the information in the text provided. Don't make it up!

WRITING A SUMMARY <https://sway.office.com/tlaulNnXkmlCsFHk?ref=swaymru>

WRITER'S LANGUAGE USE <https://sway.office.com/cEcJYLIYATMkAGyr?ref=swaymru>

RESPONDING TO A TEXT [Responding to a Text / Writing an Article \(office.com\)](#)

WRITING PAPER (2 hrs, 50% of overall mark)

- When writing to evaluate always present multiple points of view, taken from the texts
- If you're writing a descriptive piece then don't tell a story, just describe
- When writing a narrative, ensure you plan it first so it has a beginning, middle and ending
- Don't forget to number your answers so the examiner knows which ones you have chosen

DESCRIPTIVE WRITING: <https://sway.office.com/nV3ilWTqHzdTC7uM?ref=swaymru>

WRITING TO EVALUATE: [Writing to Evaluate \(office.com\)](#)

WRITING DIALOGUE: <https://sway.office.com/fhLlplwgi3VRBJID?ref=swaymru>