

YEAR 8 AW3 revision guide

You will have two English papers- reading and writing.

Reading paper:

- You need to know what a simile is and be able to find one in the extract you are given. A simile is when you compare two things using like or as. E.G. The light was as bright as the sun.
- You need to know how to write a PEE. There will be at least one question on the paper that will ask you to answer in a PEE.
P-Point- Answer the question in a full sentence
E- Evidence- Use a quote from the text
E- Explain- Explain what the quote means

Writing paper:

- You will be asked to write about yourself (personal writing).
- You will talk about something that has happened to you (based on the question asked). You will plan your answer one lesson before the test.
- You will get marks for including thoughtful adjectives, similes and the 5 senses. Remember to describe, rather than telling us "This happened...then this happened..."
- You will be marked on your spelling, punctuation, and grammar. Remember to read over your work at the end of the test so that you don't make easy mistakes.

Practice activities

Reading

TASK: Read the following extract from 'Harry Potter and the Philosopher's Stone' then answer this question using PEE: "How was Harry feeling about the journey to Hogwarts?"

Harry woke at five o'clock the next morning and was too excited and nervous to go back to sleep. He got up and pulled on his jeans because he didn't want to walk into the station in his wizard's robes - he'd change on the train. He checked his Hogwarts list yet again to make sure he had everything he needed, saw that Hedwig was shut safely in her cage and then paced the room, waiting for the Dursleys to get up. Two hours later, Harry's huge, heavy trunk had been loaded into the Dursley's car, Aunt Petunia had talked Dudley into sitting next to Harry and they had set off.

They reached King's Cross at half past ten. Uncle Vernon dumped Harry's trunk on to a trolley and wheeled it in to the station for him. Harry thought this was strangely kind until Uncle Vernon stopped dead, facing the platform with a nasty grin on his face.

Writing

Write about a day that started off good and then went really bad.