

Year 8 Revision Checklist

English

Your Summer Exam will assess your ability to read for meaning and also your knowledge and understanding of Writer's Craft, i.e. a writer's ability to use language to create engaging and powerful narrative.

It will be structured like this:

Section A.

Read first extract from a novel.

Answer short questions to show you have understood the plot and characters.

Medium-length question asking you to write 2 Point; Evidence; Explanation paragraphs

Read second extract from the same novel.



Long question asking you how the writer has presented one of the characters – you are required to write several paragraphs for this.

Section B

Creative writing. You will be given a picture to use as inspiration for a piece of creative writing. You will be expected to write in a way which is engaging, use a high level of vocabulary and use descriptive language features.

Note: This is a one hour examination. You are expected to make use of ALL of this time.

Complete the **checklist** below to help structure your revision.

I CAN:		
<u>Section A: Reading Fiction</u>		
Read a fiction text		
Answer questions about the text, using what I have read to help me		
Begin to consider meaning of specific words and their overall effectiveness		
Recognise language features, e.g. similes, metaphors, alliteration, listing, personification, powerful adjectives and verbs, onomatopoeia, hyperbole, metaphor; dialogue and adverb		
Explain why language features have been used and what effect they may have on the reader or atmosphere of the text		
Use quotation marks in my answer to indicate when I have taken words from the text		
Use P.E.E to structure my answer, e.g. make your point, back it up with a quotation and then explain why the author has used it and what effect it may have		
<u>Section B: Creative Writing</u>		
Use a picture as inspiration for a creative story		
Write in a way which is imaginative and engaging for my reader		
Organise my writing into paragraphs		
Accurately use a range of punctuation, including exclamation marks, semi-colons, question marks and ellipses		
Use a high level of vocabulary		
Spell common and irregular words accurately		
Use language features to enhance my creative writing, such as similes, metaphors, personification, rhetorical questions and alliteration		