



CAMBRIDGE HOUSE GRAMMAR SCHOOL REVISION CHECKLIST

YEAR 8 ENGLISH

Winter 2025

Exam Format

1 hour

Total 50 marks

Section A – Reading and Responding to a Poem

- Question about the meaning of the poem. [3 marks]
- Find poetic features, give examples and explain why the poet has used them. [12 marks]
- Stating what the mood or atmosphere of the poem is and explaining how the poet has created this. [5 marks]

Section B – Language features [10 marks]

You will be given examples and definitions of 10 Language Features. You need to write the name of the feature.

Section C – Personal Writing

- You will be given a Personal Writing topic and asked to write an engaging essay. [20 marks]
You will be assessed using the following success criteria:
 - Use persuasive language techniques.
 - Be engaging for the reader.
 - Include a range of punctuation, used accurately.
 - Use high level vocabulary.
 - Spelling should be as accurate as possible.
 - Use paragraphs.



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As you begin your revision, complete this honestly to help you see where your priorities should lie for your revision. The target is eventually to get all your ticks in the left hand column.

I can:	✓	x
1. Independently read and understand a poem.		
2. Interpret what I read to find meaning.		
3. Identify language features (such as alliteration; similes; metaphors; personification; hyperbole; superlative etc) in a poem.		
4. Explain the effect language features have on the reader.		
5. Identify correctly the following Language Features: Simile, metaphor, personification, onomatopoeia, emotive language, alliteration, rhetorical question, rhyme, hyperbole, superlative.		
6. Explain the effect language features have on the reader.		
7. Identify correctly the following Language Features: Simile, metaphor, personification, onomatopoeia, emotive language, alliteration, rhetorical question, rhyme, hyperbole, superlative.		
8. Write a personal essay on a given topic.		
9. Use a vocabulary which is engaging and persuasive.		
10. Use paragraphs to structure my writing.		
11. Use language features in my writing to be engaging.		
12. Use accurate spelling and grammar.		
13. Use a range of punctuation accurately.		