

- 20 Create dingbats (picture representations) to help remember the main structure for writing different text types
- 21 In pairs, start to plan different writing exam questions. Swap plans. Start writing from the plan, swap back halfway through the time. Discuss your differences/similarities
- 22 Watch this youtube video for a singing reminder for the writing exam www.youtube.com/watch?v=m07Q1m9u4lo
- 23 Find the letters to an editor page in newspapers and highlight any effective phrases.
- 24 Create connectives post-it and decorate your room.
- 25 Create revision posters for the different types of reading question.

- 26 Create a podcast or video of the top tips when writing leaflet/article/speech/letter/report.
- 27 Use this powerpoint to help develop your writing skills.
  www.slideshare.net/EmmaSinclair/wjec-gcse-exam-prep-higher-paper-unit-2
- 28 Develop your knowledge of English vocabulary and donate rice to developing counties at the same time. www.freerice.com/#/english-vocabulary/1423
- 29 Develop your knowledge of grammar through the grammar monster at www.grammarmonster.com
- 30 Challenge yourself to spell the 101 GCSE spelling words at this website www.gcse.com/english/spell.htm



ways to revise for

- 1 Use your revision folder, look at each section and create revision cards.
- 2 In revision pairs or groups, make up questions on each section of the revision folder for example...what type of words would you expect to find in a thoughts and feelings reading question?
- 3 Use revision website to revise reading and writing, such as www.bbc.co.uk/schools/gcsebitesize/english/
- 4 Buy (available on ParentPay) or borrow from the LRC a revision guide for the WJEC exam board. Then actually read it and do the activities!
- 5 When you have received marked answers, listen to the teachers advice, take the answers home and rewrite to gain the marks you missed.

"It was found by an English teacher. He's corrected the spelling mistakes and sent it back."

- 6 Attend revision classes after school on Thursdays.
- 7 Mind map key words and phrases that might help track your answers.
- 8 Cut down your revision into meaningful sections, revise for 30 to 45 minutes at a time, have breaks and help each other.



- 9 Read a selection of leaflet and label the features/persuasive techniques.
- 10 Read a selection of newspaper articles and label the types of language being used.
- 11 Read a report and label the purpose, audience, form and tone.
- 12 Read a speech and summarize each paragraph (see www.americanrhetoric.com/top100speechesall. html for easy to download transcripts)

- 13 Listen to some audio recordings of famous speeches (See www.history.com/speeches) Can you identify their key persuasive techniques?
- 14 Create an emotion word mind map. Use a thesaurus to identify subtle emotions. Look at a non-fiction text. Can you identify any emotions?



- 15 Watch this youtube video for a different teacher explaining the reading exam www.youtube.com/watch?v=Ar JEWoLORU
- 16 Summarize any non-fiction piece of writing.
- 17 Create revision posters for the different types of reading question.
- 18 Read a debate (see www.independent.co.uk or www.idebate.org/database for some interesting debates) Identify the persuasive techniques used.
- 19 Take two newspaper articles that report on the same story. Draw a Venn diagram. What is similar? What are the differences?