



EXAM REVISION

ENGLISH

The English exam will help you to revisit and apply your knowledge from years 7-9. Revisiting your knowledge from previous years is a good opportunity to build your understanding and learn how to revise effectively before you move on into GCSEs.

The following topics are on the exam:

- **Recalling and using writing techniques** – 20% of marks
- **Creative writing** – 80% of marks

How can you revise?

- Making flashcards for key writing techniques with examples
- Revision mind maps to help you remember what to include in a story
- Revision mind maps to help you remember what to include in descriptive writing

Materials to help you revise:

- Lessons on planning descriptive writing from Oak National Academy
- <https://classroom.thenational.academy/lessons/descriptive-writing-planning-techniques-69j6cc>
- Lessons on improving descriptive writing from Oak National Academy
- <https://classroom.thenational.academy/lessons/descriptive-writing-slow-write-6cwp4t>
- Lessons on story openings from Oak National Academy
- <https://classroom.thenational.academy/lessons/narrative-writing-what-makes-a-good-opening-6mu6ce>
- Lessons on writing a story using a picture as stimulus from Oak National Academy
- <https://classroom.thenational.academy/lessons/writing-skills-responding-to-a-setting-stimulus-image-cmrkct>
- Lessons on effective endings from Oak National Academy
- <https://classroom.thenational.academy/lessons/narrative-writing-effective-endings-ccrp2c>
- Writing techniques and applying these to descriptive writing on Bitesize:
- <https://www.bbc.co.uk/bitesize/guides/zpp4kqt/revision/1>

What do you need to know for this exam?

You could be examined on the following areas, read them and decide on whether your knowledge is confident 😊, could do with a recap 😐 or in need of deeper revision 😞.

What do I need to know?	😊	😐	😞
Topic: Writing techniques			
What is a metaphor?			
What is personification?			
What is alliteration?			
What is a simile?			
What is pathetic fallacy?			
What is hyperbole?			
What is an adjective?			
What is an adverb?			
What is a dynamic verb?			
What is a simple, compound and complex sentence?			
What is onomatopoeia?			
What is repetition?			
What is symbolism?			
Topic: Story writing			
What is the difference between first and third person?			
Know how to plan, organise and structure a story?			
Know some interesting ways to begin a story?			
Know the rules for using and punctuating speech?			
Know how to keep your reader engaged in the middle of a story?			
Know some interesting ways to end a story?			
Plan some ambitious word choices to include in any story writing task?			
Topic: Descriptive writing			
Know that descriptive writing should be in third person?			
Know how to zoom in during your writing?			
Know how to use sensory language to improve description?			
Know that you need to plan at least three paragraphs of description?			
Know how to end your description successfully?			
Know some ambitious word choices to include in any descriptive task?			