



## Analytical Writing – How to Respond to a Question (with prompts)

Highlight the keywords in the question before you begin. What are you being asked to do or comment on?

Essay Question: \_\_\_\_\_

**What** is your answer to this question?

Top tip – re-word the question and include the keywords as well as your own point/idea.

This is your **POINT** and also your topic sentence.

**Prompts:** The writer conveys/presents/describes...

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**What** is your **EVIDENCE**? It should support your **POINT**.

*Embed and introduce* the quotation.

Ensure that it is part of your sentence and it is clear what it is about. What is the context of the quotation: who, when, why, where, what.

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**How** is your point proven in this quotation?

This is where you **EXPLAIN** what the quotation shows and **ANALYSE** how it is shown. Identify a **technique** or interesting **word choice** if you can.

**What** is the effect? **How** does this reinforce your point or idea?

**Prompts:**

By using a .... the writer shows how ...

By using ... the writer is...

The word...suggests/reveals/implies/conveys

In addition, the use of a ....

Furthermore, the use of a ... develops the idea that...

This idea is further strengthened by the use of...

Alternatively, the use of...could also show...

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This is where you make **LINKS** to writer intention or message; context; effect on the reader. **Why** was this particular technique or word chosen by the writer? How does it reinforce their message? What is the effect on the reader? How does it reflect the context at the time the text was written?

**Prompts:**

Perhaps the writer's aim is to...

The writer is obviously trying to...

The writer effectively ...

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