

SNAPSHOT



What do you see?

How is it presented?

Why is it presented in this way?

What, How, Why Learning Mat



You can use these guiding questions and useful phrases to help you structure a focused and analytical answer.

Writing guide

Useful phrases

Developing a Response: understanding the task

What is the keyword in the question?

What are you being asked to do?

What is your idea in response to this?

What evidence could you use?



Developing a Response: paragraphs

What is your idea? **What** is your point? *Top tip - reword the question and add your own keyword: this is the point you are trying to prove.*

What is the evidence to back this up? *Can you introduce and embed this? Can you paraphrase? What can you infer from the evidence? What are the connotations of the words chosen? What is suggested or implied?*

How does the writer use methods / language / structure? *The use of a metaphor...*

How does this link back to your initial idea?

Why did the writer use this? *Why* did they want to show this? *Why* did they choose to present it in this way?

What is the effect on the reader / audience?

How can you use context to develop your response further?

How many interpretations can you offer? *In addition / This could also suggest...*

Developing a Response: conclusion

What have you proven?

What have you learned?

What is the overall message for the reader / audience with regards to the question?

What have you shown in terms of the themes / big ideas?

What is the writer's message with regards to the focus of the question?

Why is this text and the message significant?

Words to add an additional interpretation:

In addition, the use of a ...

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

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

Another interpretation...is...

Words to show emphasis:

cleverly, accurately, clearly,
ironically, effectively, undoubtedly,
above all, notably, especially,
significantly, expertly

Zooming in on language and methods using **what, how, why**

Language	Methods
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ✓ What kind of language is used? What does this add to the overall technique or quotation? ✓ What words stand out? ✓ What are the connotations? ✓ What is implied or suggested? ✓ Why has this word been used? Why here? ✓ Why is this effective? ✓ How would the audience / reader react? ✓ How can you interpret meaning? ✓ How many interpretations can you make? ✓ How does this reinforce your point? ✓ How does this reflect or link to the keyword in the question? ✓ How can you use context to develop your analysis? ✓ What does this reveal about the speaker / message / themes /character / events / setting / relationships? 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ✓ What kind of method is used? ✓ Why has this particular method been used? Why here? ✓ Why is this effective? ✓ How would the audience / reader react? ✓ How can you interpret meaning? ✓ How many interpretations can you make? ✓ How does this reinforce your point? ✓ How does this reflect or link to the keyword in the question? ✓ How can you use context to develop your analysis? ✓ What does this reveal about the speaker / message / themes /character / events / setting / relationships?

Useful Phrases:

This reveals/ suggests/
implies/depicts/conveys/
emphasises/reinforces/ highlights/ portrays
The most important word is...
Consequently ...
By using a...the writer creates the
impression of...
In particular, the use of...
The word...conveys...

Useful Phrases:

The writer
conveys/presents/contrasts/
implies/indicates/creates/reveals
By using a the writer shows
how ...
By using ... the writer is forcing the
reader to...

