

# Psychology A Level

Summer Bridging Task

Moving from GCSE study to A Level

## A level psychology Course content

- **AQA EXAM BOARD**
- **A LEVEL PSYCHOLOGY 2 YEAR COURSE 7182**
- **3 x 2 hour exams (No coursework)**
- **PAPER 1 – INTRODUCTORY TOPICS IN PSYCHOLOGY – ALL COMPULSORY**
- **PAPER 2 – PSYCHOLOGY IN CONTEXT – ALL COMPULSORY**
- **PAPER 3 – OPTIONS IN APPLIED PSYCHOLOGY – 3 OPTIONS + ISSUES AND DEBATES**

### A-level

#### Subject content

##### Compulsory content

- 1 Social influence
- 2 Memory
- 3 Attachment
- 4 Psychopathology
- 5 Approaches in Psychology
- 6 Biopsychology
- 7 Research methods
- 8 Issues and debates in Psychology

##### Optional

###### Option 1

- 9 Relationships
- 10 Gender
- 11 Cognition and development

###### Option 2

- 12 Schizophrenia
- 13 Eating behaviour
- 14 Stress

###### Option 3

- 15 Aggression
- 16 Forensic Psychology
- 17 Addiction



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To prepare you for Psychology A Level we are setting you 2 tasks to be completed over the summer holidays. The work will be due in on your first lesson.

## TASK 1

**Discuss the research of one important psychologist**  
(minimum = 2 sides of A4)

# Task one

## DISCUSS THE RESEARCH OF ONE IMPORTANT PSYCHOLOGIST

This relates to the first examination paper

### Paper 1 – Introductory Topics in Psychology

- You can choose from any of the 4 introductory topics listed opposite
- The next slide will give you MORE information on what to write.

Choose **ONE** of the following options & psychologists to write about

1. MEMORY
  - **ELIZABETH LOFTUS**
2. ATTACHMENT
  - **JOHN BOWLBY**
3. SOCIAL INFLUENCE
  - **STANLEY MILGRAM**
4. PSYCHOPATHOLOGY
  - **JOHN B WATSON**



# Task one – what to write

## 1. MEMORY - **ELIZABETH LOFTUS**

- Discuss how research by Loftus might explain the convictions of innocent people for crimes they didn't commit... (HINT – eye witness testimony)

## 2. ATTACHMENT - **JOHN BOWLBY**

- Discuss how research by Bowlby might explain why young people turn to crime... (HINT – maternal deprivation)

## 3. SOCIAL INFLUENCE - **STANLEY MILGRAM**

- Discuss how research by Milgram might explain historical atrocities such as the Nazi persecution of the Jews... (HINT – obedience)

## 4. PSYCHOPATHOLOGY - **JOHN B WATSON**

- Discuss how research by Watson might explain the development of phobias of specific objects (HINT – classical conditioning)

# TASK 2



- Use the Link below to undertake the transition course designed by Tutor 2 U
- It gives a good insight into the Psychology A Level course
- Tutor2U are an excellent provider of resources and helpful information for the Psychology A Level and this course is completely free to access.
- [Transition to AQA A-Level Psychology Getting Started | tutor2u](#)