

# Year 10: Writing a text response

## How to begin

1. Look closely at the topic and identify the key words. Try and think of synonyms for these key words that will help with your understanding of the topic and give you a bank of words to use in your essay.
2. Look at the tag. This shows you what sort of answer you need to give.
3. Restate the topic in your own words.
4. Formulate your response to the topic. Do you :  
Agree completely  
Agree partly  
Disagree completely  
Disagree partly
5. Write this as a contention –your point of view in one sentence.
6. Consider the main arguments you will use to support your contention.
7. Begin your essay

## Essay Structure

### Introduction

- a. Introduce text details
- b. Write your contention
- c. Briefly allude to your main arguments

### Body Paragraphs

- a. Your aim is to write at least three body paragraphs.
- b. Within each paragraph work from the general to the particular.
- c. Begin each paragraph with a topic sentence stating one of your main arguments.
- d. Refer to specific examples and quotes as evidence and then explain how your evidence supports your argument.
- e. Make sure you include a linking sentence that links back to the topic sentence.
- f. Make sure there is a logical flow of ideas in your essay. A good way to do this is by using good connecting words like: similarly, on the other hand, furthermore, conversely, alternatively, on the contrary, likewise, moreover, instead.

### Conclusion

- a. Summarise your main arguments clearly and economically.
- b. Link back to the topic.
- c. Do not put forward any new ideas
- d. Finish strongly with an apt quote.

**USE INTERESTING, SOPHISTICATED LANGUAGE TO CONVEY YOUR IDEAS.**

**PROOFREAD YOUR WORK FOR SPELLING, PUNCTUATION AND GRAMMATICAL ERRORS.**