



# A-Level Psychology

## Year 11 to 12 - Summer transition task

Psychology classes cover such a wide range of topics and skills which is important to prepare for. Your goal is to produce a 400 word psychological paper for first psychology lesson in September. To help with this you can either choose focus 1, 2 or 3 for your paper. **You can always impress us by doing more than one!**

### Focus 1: Current research piece

Keep up to date with psychological research. This is a good website to find contemporary studies

[https://www.sciencedaily.com/news/mind\\_brain/](https://www.sciencedaily.com/news/mind_brain/)

In your paper you need to carry out the following tasks:-

- Explain what attracted you to the article
- Produce a summary of the article
- Explain how the article could be useful in real life
- Explore previous research into this topic and summarise their conclusions.

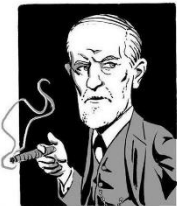


### Focus 2: A Famous psychologist

Select a well-known psychologist, for example Freud, Skinner, Pavlov, Piaget, Seligman, Bowlby, Ainsworth, or Zimbardo (or any other that you are aware of).

In your paper you need to carry out the following tasks:-

- Produce a profile exploring his or her life
- Produce a summary of the main theory or theories they developed
- Explain the contribution your chosen psychologist has made to Psychology & society
- Consider any criticisms of their theories



### Focus 3: A Famous psychology experiment

Write a summary paper on a classic psychology study, such as the Milgram Obedience Experiment, Zimbardo the Stanford Prison Experiment, Piaget's experiments into cognition with children, Pavlov's experiments into classical conditioning, Sperry into the split brain, Loftus and Palmers experiments into the accuracy of Eye Witness Testimony ( or any other that may interest you).

In your paper you need to carry out the following tasks:-

- Outline the purpose of the experiment
- Outline the way the research was carried out, who the sample were and where the study was conducted.
- Summarise the result and conclusions of the experiment
- Explain the importance of this experiment to psychology and/or everyday life.



**IMPORTANT:** Please ensure that if you are typing this task that it is printed off before you arrive to your first psychology lesson. If you are unable to do this please send via email to [southmoor6th@southmoormat.co.uk](mailto:southmoor6th@southmoormat.co.uk) with the subject "FAO Psychology department"