



# anthology

## **International GCSE English Language (Specification A)**

### **Part 1: Paper 1 Section A Non-fiction texts**

From *The Danger of a Single Story*, Chimamanda Ngozi Adichie

From *A Passage to Africa*, George Alagiah

From *The Explorer's Daughter*, Kari Herbert

*Explorers or boys messing about? Either way, taxpayer gets rescue bill*, Steven Morris

From *Between a Rock and a Hard Place*, Aron Ralston

*Young and dyslexic? You've got it going on*, Benjamin Zephaniah

From *A Game of Polo with a Headless Goat*, Emma Levine

From *Beyond the Sky and the Earth: A Journey into Bhutan*, Jamie Zeppa

From *H is for Hawk*, Helen Macdonald

From *Chinese Cinderella*, Adeline Yen Mah

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### **Part 2: Paper 2 Section A Poetry and Prose texts**

*Disabled*, Wilfred Owen

'*Out, Out—*', Robert Frost

*An Unknown Girl*, Moniza Alvi

*The Bright Lights of Sarajevo*, Tony Harrison

*Still I Rise*, Maya Angelou

*The Story of an Hour*, Kate Chopin

*The Necklace*, Guy de Maupassant

*Significant Cigarettes* (from *The Road Home*), Rose Tremain

*Whistle and I'll Come to You* (from *The Woman in Black*), Susan Hill

*Night*, Alice Munro

# TIME MANAGEMENT TIPS ON HOW TO BE EFFICIENT

## STAY ORGANISED

CREATE A REVISION TIMETABLE AND A TO DO LIST TO KEEP YOU ON TRACK WITH SCHOOL WORK AND REVISION.



## TRY NOT TO PROCRASTINATE

TURN OFF THE TV AND PUT YOUR PHONE ON FLIGHT MODE WHILE STUDYING.



## SET GOALS

SETTING GOALS WILL HELP YOU STAY FOCUSED WHEN REVISION.



## STAY HEALTHY

EAT WELL AND EXERCISE. ENERGY LEVELS WILL BE HIGHER AND YOUR MIND WILL BE MORE FOCUSED.



## TAKE BREAKS

DON'T FORGET TO SCHEDULE BREAKS. THIS COULD BE TAKING A WALK, STRETCHING OR MAKING A DRINK/SNACK.



## BE FLEXIBLE

LEAVE ROOM IN YOUR SCHEDULE TO ADJUST TO UNEXPECTED EVENTS.



## Commitments

### Clubs & Hobbies

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### Job/ other commitments

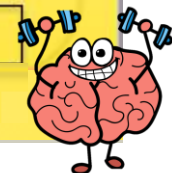
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## Subjects

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## Downtime

	How happy does it make me?(1-10)	How often should I do it? (daily/weekly)
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Topics I need to revise for

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Monday

Tuesday

Wednesday

Thursday

Friday

Saturday

Sunday

Morning motivation

"To change your reality, you must change your mentality."  
- Daniel Ailly

"What if I fail?"  
"Oh, my darling, what if you fly?"  
-Erin Hanson

"Only those who risk going far can possibly find out how far they can go."  
-T.S. Eliot

"See the invisible, believe the incredible, achieve the impossible."  
-Joel Brown

"We are the directors of our own mindset."  
-unknown

"If you want more, you have to require more from yourself."  
-Dr. Phil

"Believing in negative thoughts is the single greatest obstruction to success."  
-Charles F. Glassman

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Subject

Today's topic of study

Skills I have improved

- \_\_\_\_\_
- \_\_\_\_\_
- \_\_\_\_\_

Skills that still need improving

- \_\_\_\_\_
- \_\_\_\_\_
- \_\_\_\_\_

Subject

Today's topic of study

Downtime activities

- \_\_\_\_\_
- \_\_\_\_\_
- \_\_\_\_\_
- \_\_\_\_\_
- \_\_\_\_\_

Reflection

Unhappy	1	2	3	4	5	Happy
Lazy	1	2	3	4	5	Productive
Stressed	1	2	3	4	5	Relaxed
Tired	1	2	3	4	5	Enthusiastic

Subject

Today's topic of study

Notes

\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

Subject

Today's topic of study

Good things about today

- \_\_\_\_\_
- \_\_\_\_\_
- \_\_\_\_\_
- \_\_\_\_\_

What I hope for tomorrow

- \_\_\_\_\_
- \_\_\_\_\_
- \_\_\_\_\_
- \_\_\_\_\_



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Because  
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## FACT

Colleges will look at your English grades. If you do not pass, you will have to resit in college.

## FACT

Reading and writing are skills for life. You need them to function socially and professionally.

## FACT

Passing English makes you more employable.

## FACT

To join the Armed Forces, you need to pass English.

## FACT

When applying for a job, employers look at GCSE grades. They will expect to see this on your CV.

## FACT

If you apply for university in the future, you must pass English.

## FACT

Reading and writing is required in every job.

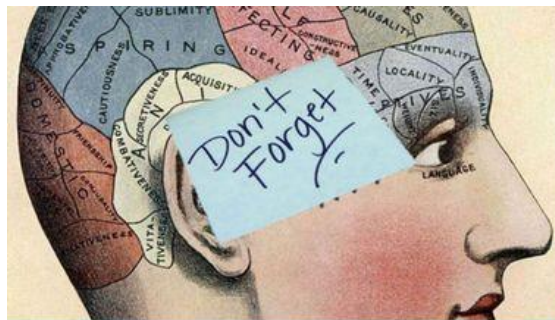
## FACT

The better you do in your GCSEs, you likelier you are to have a job in the future you enjoy.



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Memory is an important part of learning. It is possible to improve your memory but hard work is involved. Developing memory techniques is vital especially when you are revising for English and you have so much to remember!

**DID YOU KNOW**  
80% of what you learnt today you will forget by tomorrow?

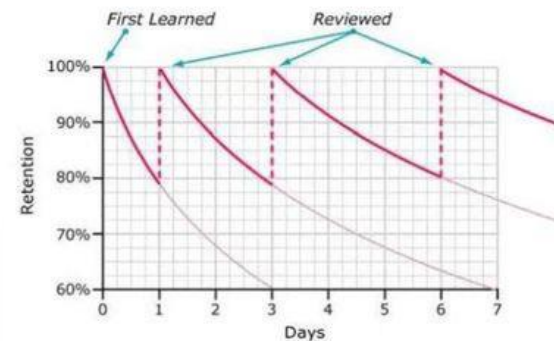
Just think, how much do **you really remember** from your English lessons – all 566 of them!

## Research

**Quantity or Quality – which is more effective?**

Research suggests that **students who revise more frequently but for a shorter amount of time are more likely to remember what they have learnt.** For instance, revising for 1 hour daily over 10 days is more effective than revising for 10 hours in one day.

Typical Forgetting Curve for Newly Learned Information

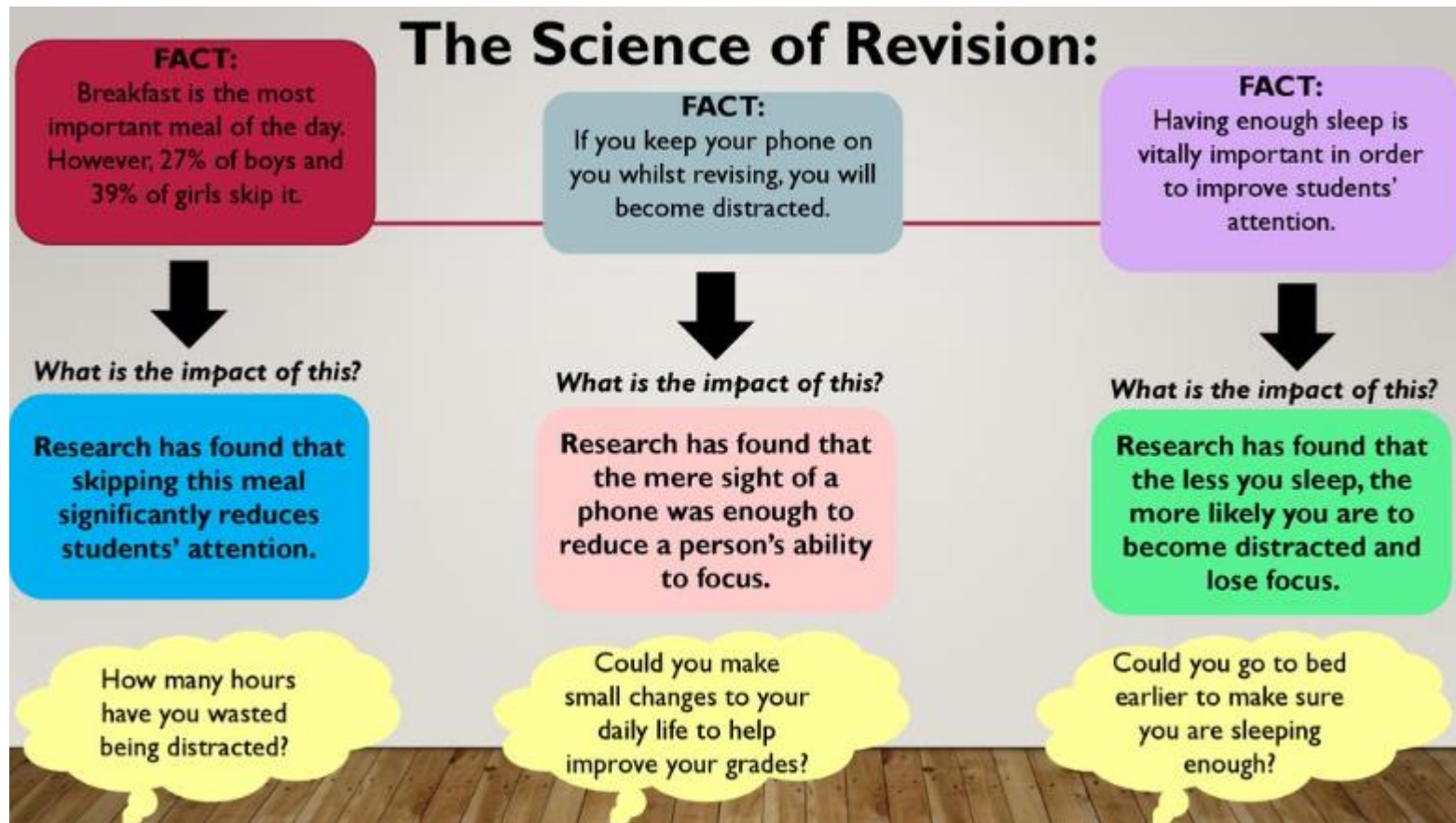


**In order to remember more, the more you need to review work you have already studied.** For instance, if you are studying Romeo and Juliet, revise another text at home.

## WHY?

**The more you improve your memory, the more knowledge you will recall, the more confident you will feel in your exams.**

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## How to Revise English Language

**Flash cards: learn how to spell key terms and the definitions of them.**

**Answer each question in exam conditions. The more you practise, the easier you will find this.**

**Complete grammar activities to improve your SPaG and technical accuracy.**

**Learn evaluative adverbs.**

**Practise selecting judicious quotations and writing analytically about them.**

**Practise your writing skills by completing 200 word challenges.**

**Understand the differences between language and structural features. Test yourself with your family or friends.**

**Complete 5 a Day starters your teacher sets.**

**Create a list of impressive vocabulary you would like to learn. Ask family or friends to test you.**

**Practise using more sophisticated punctuation. Ask your teacher to check if it is used correctly.**

**Read more frequently so you can improve your reading age. This will help you in your exam.**

**Understand the different formats when writing for a purpose.**