



PSYCHOLOGY A LEVEL PREPARATORY WORK 2026



Please complete the following tasks in preparation for your first Psychology lesson. Your teacher will collect in this work.

1. Access the following website: <https://www.simplypsychology.org/loftus-palmer.html>

Read the information on Loftus and Palmer's study and answer the following questions:

- a) What was the aim of this study?
- b) What Procedure was used in this study?
- c) What were the findings from this study?
- d) What were the conclusions from this study?
- e) Summarise Experiment 2.
- f) Outline 2 criticisms of these studies.



If you have problems accessing this website, do a search on Loftus and Palmer (Eye Witness Testimony) as the information is widely available on the internet.

2. **Research information on a psychological disorder of your choice.**

Write a report of between 1- 2 sides of A4 (300 – 600 words) to summarise in your own words what you have found. This can be typed or handwritten.

You should try to include the following if possible

- How the disorder is diagnosed (what are its characteristics?)
- What factors might be involved in causing the disorder? Try to find at least two different ideas about this and say which you find most convincing and why.
- Do you think the disorder is caused more by factors we are born with (nature) or things that happen to us in life (nurture)?
- What treatments are usually suggested for the disorder? How are they thought to work and how effective do they seem to be?

You can choose any disorder you find interesting, but Phobias, Obsessive Compulsive Disorder, Depression or Schizophrenia will be particularly useful for your A level Psychology.

The NHS website may be a good place to start your research, but you should ideally use more than one source of information.