



Practising planning and writing

One of the most effective ways to revise for this part of the exam is to get used to tackling the kinds of questions that are in the paper. Your teacher will give you examples of these to practise with. Look at the advice on *Practising planning and writing* in Chapter 1.

Newspaper article	Leaflet
More factual	More opinion
Neutral tone	Angry tone
More formal	More informal
Neutral language	Emotive language
More statistics	Statistics selected to support opinions
Informative map	Emotive images
Objective	Obviously biased
Impersonal, dull	Appeals directly to the reader
Longer sentences and paragraphs	Shorter sentences and paragraphs



Outsourcing the planning may not have been a good idea...

3 Writing to argue, persuade or advise

In **Section B** of **English Paper 1**, you will have to produce a piece of writing, which will be related to what you have been reading and writing about in Section A of the same paper. There will be four tasks, from which you will have to choose one. This will involve arguing, persuading or advising, or a mixture of these.

Arguing

means expressing a point of view as clearly and effectively as possible. It will usually involve presenting evidence and a series of reasons.



Persuading

means getting your readers to agree with a point of view or to feel something. It might involve argument, but it will usually also involve other methods of trying to affect people's feelings about something.

Advising

means suggesting how somebody might do something, or how they might solve a problem.





What the examiners are looking for

- ✓ Can you communicate clearly in writing?
- ✓ Can you write for a particular audience?
- ✓ Can you write for a particular purpose?
- ✓ Can you use a wide and appropriate vocabulary?
- ✓ Can you select and use information effectively?
- ✓ Can you organise ideas into sentences, paragraphs and whole texts?
- ✓ Can you spell accurately?
- ✓ Can you punctuate accurately?
- ✓ Can you use Standard English when appropriate?
- ✓ Can you present work neatly and clearly?
- ✓ Is your handwriting clear and readable?



Tackling the exam paper

Reading the paper

It is very important that you read all of the questions carefully before deciding which to answer. Remember that this section tests your skills as a writer. Think about the type, or types, of writing that each question asks for, and which ones you can do best. Which type of writing will give you the chance to do your best work?

In *Chapter 9* (page 109), there are examples of questions, together with advice.