

English 2.3 Analyse significant aspects of unfamiliar written text(s) through close reading, supported by evidence

Criteria:

Achievement

Analyse significant aspects involves making developed interpretations of how significant aspects of texts create meaning. **Analyse** means to break down and thoroughly examine the features of a text in order to understand the language and structure used to communicate ideas. Through analysis you are able to select specific aspects of the text to discuss and evaluate their effectiveness in communicating the writer's purpose.

Significant aspects include:

- particular audiences and purposes (who was it written for and why?)
- ideas (eg themes, attitudes, beliefs, experiences, feelings, insights, meanings, opinions, thoughts, and understandings within the text)
- **language features** (eg figurative language, syntax, style, symbolism, vocabulary, sound devices)
- structures (eg part text, whole text, narrative sequence, beginnings and endings).

Language features are the techniques that a writer has used to add meaning and interest to their work. This could include word choice, use of deliberately crafted language, and the structure. Discussion of aspects such as theme(s), characterisation, setting, context (social, political, or historical), and positioning of the reader will help show analysis of language features.

Close reading involves a detailed exploration and consideration of significant aspects of texts.

Supported by evidence means using accurate and relevant details, quotations, statements of events and discussion of aspects of the text in order to answer the question.

Achievement with Merit

Convincingly means making reasoned and clear interpretations of how significant aspects of texts create meaning. You recognise and appreciate how a writer has used appropriate language to give a certain feeling or message in their work. Your explanation will start to go beyond the obvious by discussing how the language feature works in a specific context and show an awareness of the author's purpose and audience.

Achievement with Excellence

Perceptively means making insightful and/or original interpretations of how significant aspects of texts create meaning. Your detailed analysis will leave no doubt that you fully understand the wider meaning of the text by making connections between the aspect(s) and the purpose of the text, and your answer is mature, precise, or persuasive.