



GCSE – **NEW**

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ENGLISH LANGUAGE
UNIT 1
Oracy

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Non-Examination Assessment

Task 2 – Responding and Interacting

Instructions for Teachers

You are advised to read pages 12-18 of the specification for detailed advice concerning the administration of non-examination assessment.

Stimulus material can be shown to the candidates one week before they complete the task. It will assist them to think of ideas on the topic but they can also refer to other relevant issues not referred to in the stimulus material.

Teachers should collect the stimulus material at the end of each preparation period.

Candidates are allowed to research the topic by using the internet, read newspapers/magazines or listen to the news.

Candidates should express their opinions on the topic with other members of the group and give reasons for their opinions.

Candidates may refer to personal experiences or other experiences if they are relevant to the discussion.

No scripting of the discussion is allowed – it should be a natural discussion. It must be emphasised that this is not a reading task.

Candidates are allowed to use **brief notes only** with the stimulus material when they complete the task.

The discussion should last 10 minutes.

Should exotic animals be kept as pets?

You have one week to prepare for a discussion on this topic.

In your groups, discuss some, or all, of these points:

- exotic pets are being kept in unnatural conditions in captivity rather than being in the wild
- it is too easy to buy exotic pets
- caring for an exotic pet develops a sense of responsibility
- some people have allergies to other pets such as dogs and cats but are able to enjoy looking after exotic animals



We at the RSPCA are against keeping primates as pets. Species such as marmosets can live up to 46 years and are a life-long commitment. As they mature they can also become aggressive. Primates kept indoors, in inappropriate conditions or small, cramped cages can develop abnormal behaviour. People wrongly assume that hand-rearing makes a primate 'tame'. Primates must be reared by their mother – removing them too early causes extreme suffering. Keeping a primate alone is unacceptable, as they are very social animals. Human company is not a replacement for another primate.

Licences to keep dangerous wild animals are granted by councils for a small fee. This allows people to keep wild animals as pets, provided they have the necessary safety measures at their home. Licence holder Iain Newby has warned prospective owners to ensure they properly educate themselves before purchasing a predator. Starting with an 8ft alligator called Rolex in the 1990s, to a house full of wild cats in 2016, the 49-year-old has helped care for a wide variety of creatures through rescue work. However, Mr Newby said, "I know people who keep crocodiles and alligators and they keep them perfectly, but I also know people who keep a hamster and never clean its cage."



Iain Newby pictured with Squeaks, his serval cat

Dangerous wild animal licences

Animals being kept in private properties across the UK include:



as well as ...
9 pumas, 9 crocodiles, 8 leopards, 7 cheetahs and 2 lions

Most people in Wales use Gumtree to buy second-hand furniture, but among the adverts for tables, chairs and sofas are adverts for bearded dragons, boa constrictors and baby tortoises.

Gayle from Cardiff advertised a Royal Python and vivarium on the site for £150. She said, "Exotic pets are definitely becoming more popular because they look nice and they are generally friendly. They're great for children – especially if you have a child who is allergic to fur – and it is a good way for them to get involved in caring for a pet."

Litter – how big a problem is it?

You have one week to prepare for a discussion on this topic.

In your groups, discuss some, or all, of these points:

- litter makes our neighbourhoods look disgusting
- young people are the main culprits when it comes to littering
- a huge amount of time and money is spent by local councils clearing litter
- litter is polluting our beaches and the countryside



This picture shows litter pickers on Snowdon.

Mount Snowdon, the highest point in Wales, has been left in a terrible state by litter louts, says one local resident who was angry when he came across the scene. “The key thing about this particular issue is a lot of people are blaming the cafe and the railway but it’s not their fault. It’s people who are walking up there to get to the summit. What would be really nice is to try to educate people to take a plastic bag with you and take your rubbish down. It’s not rocket science. The more people see it and realise what they are doing is ruining the environment, then perhaps they’ll think twice about leaving their rubbish.”

Extract from a letter to the South Wales Argus

Due to indifferent politicians and councils that have butchered budgets, many areas of Wales now have even worse littering problems than ever before.

Of course it is because of the large minority of morons that don’t care, or are so lazy and arrogant they bizarrely think it is someone else’s responsibility to pick their rubbish up, that the problem is so bad in the first place.

Article from the October 2016 Edition of Torfaen Talks

The council is investing in its street cleaning service, and creating five dedicated area-based teams to tackle litter hotspots. The Streetscene teams carry out jobs such as clearing litter and flytipping, emptying bins, grass cutting, shrub and hedge maintenance, and clearing weeds and overgrowth.

Major blitz to tackle Cardiff’s litter problem

Cardiff City Council’s Love Where You Live campaign aims to keep the streets of the city clean by adopting a zero tolerance approach to littering, introducing neighbourhood blitzes, raising awareness of recycling, educating students and displaying a personal thank you on billboards across the city for those who help clamp down on littering.



Brecon Mountain Rescue Team has posted a video to highlight the importance of rubbish not being dumped in rural locations. The team says litter throughout the neighbouring national park is a problem.

The video shows a helicopter trying to land to assist an injured motorcyclist to hospital and throwing up huge amounts of litter from the ground.

Work Experience for 15 and 16 year olds. What do you think?

You have one week to prepare for a discussion on this topic.

In your groups, discuss some, or all, of these points:

- work experience gives valuable lessons about real life
- it can help students decide on their future career
- some schools feel that the time would be better spent on improving learning and no longer send students on work experience
- some students feel it is pointless



PCSO Neil Rees (left) and PCSO Rhys Thomas with pupils who completed their work experience with South Wales Police

Youngsters from schools in the Swansea area left the classroom to spend time with scenes-of-crime experts, road safety officers, domestic violence investigators, the professional standards unit and the force's dog and horse sections to get an insight into how South Wales Police work.

They also visited South Wales's driver training unit and the force's 999 call handling centre. PCSO Rhys Thomas said, "All the students really enjoyed their week's experience with the force. I am sure that they have gone away with a better understanding of how the police service operates today."

Although nearly all of my friends enjoyed their work experience I did not. I was in a solicitors' office and was not allowed to do many tasks because of client confidentiality. I ended up making tea, taking letters to the Post Office and just watching other people working. I thought I would find out much more about being a solicitor. It was the most boring week of my life and I would rather have been in school.

Gwion spent some time with the Dwr Cymru Science team in North Wales. Following his placement Gwion said, "I was fascinated by a number of things that I saw during my time there such as the treatment of the water in the works. I learnt a great deal about what happens to the water that we use every day before and after it reaches the community, including all the different departments and what they do. All in all I thoroughly enjoyed my week."

The last student I gave a placement to will be the last. I set aside time to train him and was very disappointed when he did not return after the first day. On the day he did attend he showed little interest or enthusiasm despite saying he wanted to become a car mechanic.

Work experience is generally well organised. It provides pupils with valuable first hand experiences in the world of work. There are good links between Careers Wales and Schools. However, many schools have dropped work experience as a result of the pressures on their timetable.