

# GET THAT B OR A IN GCSE ENGLISH

## A Mr Barton Masterclass!

### The 2 key ingredients for success:

(1) be accurate; (2) be interesting

### 5 writing skills:

1 structure; 2 vary sentences; 3 reject first word; 4 be sensuous;  
5 self-monitor

### 2 reading skills:

1 what → who → how  
2 Looking at language = formal/informal; personal/impersonal;  
serious/comic; specialist/general; complex or simple

## EXAM SUMMARY:

### Section A – Reading response to non-fiction and media texts (1hr 15mins)

Higher – 4 questions

- Follow an argument in a text and select the key points
- Analyse structure and layout
- Explain and interpret a text
- Compare and analyse language

Foundation – 5 questions

- Select information from a text
- Follow an argument in a text and select the key points
- Explain and interpret a text
- Analyse the effect of language used by a writer
- Compare and analyse presentational features

### Section B – Writing (1 hr)

Shorter writing task – writing to inform, explain or describe

Longer writing task – writing to argue or persuade

# The 'don't trust your memory' page

What I have learnt:	Notes / questions / examples:
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Words/ideas:

Next steps: