Writing an Effective Essay

# Essay-writing Checklist

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| **My essay includes:** | **Have I done this?** |
| A clear structure with introduction, main body and conclusion |  |
| Points that all relate to the specific essay question and topic |  |
| Ideas supported by relevant evidence |  |
| Analysis that shows the importance of the evidence to my point and overall argument, not just descriptions of what my evidence is |  |
| Accurate spelling, punctuation and grammar (remember to proofread) |  |
| A bibliography/reference list |  |

Practice your PEEL

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|  | | **What does it mean?** | **Have I done this?** |
| **P** | Point | State your point clearly |  |
| **E** | Evidence | Back up with evidence – research from an expert, a statistic, data, quote from a first-hand source… |  |
| **E** | Explain | Explain what the evidence means and how it proves your point. Try ‘this suggests…’ or ‘this evidence demonstrates that…’ |  |
| **L** | Link | Link back to the question of your essay |  |

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