





BRIDGING THE GAP

Course Title	Examination Board & Web Address
A-Level Psychology	AQA: www.aqa.org.uk
Units/Topics Studied:	
Approaches in psychology – Biological, Behavioural, Cognitive and Psychoanalytic. Therapy, stress,	
personality, attribution and aggression.	
Obedience, conformity, preparedness, language, d illness, the effect of life events on health.	epth perception, mate preferences, diagnosis of mental
Research methods – experiments, correlation, observation, questionnaire, interview, case study.	
Bridging Task	
Part one:	
Find the answers to the following questions	
1. When did Freud publish 'The interpretation of dreams'?	
 Find J.B.Watson's famous quote that starts "Give me twelve healthy infants" What do Behaviourists mean by 'a black box theory'? 	
 What do Benaviourists mean by a black be 4. When did cognitive psychology get started 	•
5. How does CBT work?	and name two key psychologist's involved!
 6. What is fMRI and what does it do? You mig 	aht include some nictures also
Part Two:	
Choose TWO of the following tasks to complete	
All in the mind	DIY Memory experiment
	https://faculty.washington.edu/chudler/chmemory
Visit the BBC 'All in the mind' website.	<u>.html</u>
(https://www.bbc.co.uk/programmes/b006qxx9)	
Search the past episodes catalogue until you find	Visit the
an interesting one. Listen to the episode of your	https://faculty.washington.edu/chudler/chmemory
choice and write a report on one of the articles.	.html webpage. Scroll through the different
You can add further research on the topic from	memory experiments and find one that you would
other sources if you get really interested. [Just checking to see who is really keen!]	like to do. Design and carry out the experiment on friends and family.
	menus anu family.
	Write up the details of the experiment and your
	findings.
Psychology in the News	Mindfulness meditation
Research recent news articles and select one that	Research the process of mindfulness meditation [
is based around Psychology, e.g. the	e.g. focused thoughts, counting breath, body
development of a new drug, mental health	awareness]. Practice the principle elements for a
issues, child development	few minutes each day for a week.
Summarise the news article in your own words.	
Explain why you chose this article, how	Write a report on how it works and what you found
important the story is to humans and your	the effects were on yourself.
opinions of future implications.	