

<b>Subject</b>	<b>Psychology A Level</b>
Context	<p>Eyewitness testimony frequently play a critical role in criminal investigations, yet there is good reason to suspect that their testimony may not be reliable.</p> <p>One aspect of A level Psychology is learning about the how people’s memory of events can be changed and you will be expected to be able to write a 16-mark essay on this, e.g. “Outline and evaluate research into the accuracy of eyewitness testimony”.</p>
Securing	<p>The following documents will help you to give you an overview of some ideas encountered in the memory topic. Review these and use them to create <b>flash cards</b> for the below questions:</p> <p><b>Articles:</b>  <a href="http://aspsychologyblackpoolsixth.weebly.com/ewt--anxiety.html">aspsychologyblackpoolsixth.weebly.com/ewt--anxiety.html</a>  <a href="http://simplypsychology.org/loftus-palmer.html">simplypsychology.org/loftus-palmer.html</a></p> <p><b>Videos:</b>  <a href="http://ted.com/talks/elizabeth_loftus_the_fiction_of_memory">ted.com/talks/elizabeth_loftus_the_fiction_of_memory</a>  <a href="http://ted.com/talks/scott_fraser_the_problem_with_eyewitness_testimony">ted.com/talks/scott_fraser_the_problem_with_eyewitness_testimony</a></p> <p>Make <b>flash cards</b> that answer the below questions:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. In the context of eyewitness testimony, explain what is meant by the term anxiety and describe the effect of anxiety on the accuracy of eyewitness testimony.</li> <li>2. Outline one study that has investigated the influence of anxiety and weapon focus on the accuracy of eyewitness testimony. Explain what the researchers did (procedure) and their findings.</li> <li>3. Explain how leading questions might affect the accuracy of eyewitness testimony. Give an example of a leading question.</li> <li>4. Outline one study that has investigated the influence of misleading information on eyewitness testimony.</li> </ol>
Processing	<p><b>Persuasive writing task</b></p> <p>Imagine that you have been arrested for a crime that you did not commit as eyewitnesses have placed you at the scene of a crime.</p> <p>Using some of the information above and your own research, write a persuasive, 500 word statement (about one page) that could be given in court explaining the problems with eyewitness testimony and why it cannot be relied upon in your case.</p> <p>You should refer to <b>at least one</b> piece of psychological research in your answer.</p>
Exploring	<p>Find and <b>summarise</b> a case where eyewitness testimony has been used to wrongly convict someone of a crime.</p>
Reviewing	<p>Reflect on what you have learned through this work by doing the following:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Note down 5 new things that you found most interesting</li> <li>• What did you find most challenging and what did you feel most confident on?</li> <li>• Write down 3 questions that you would like to ask your teacher about the topic you have focused on in this work.</li> </ul>