

# Year 7-9 Literacy Revision Guide

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This guide is designed to support you to prepare for your National Reading Test in April.

By clicking the following link, you will be directed to a sample paper, which is designed to exemplify the style of questioning you will encounter:  
<http://learning.gov.wales/docs/learningwales/publications/191213-learners-version-years-7-9-en.pdf>

**This year, you will also be asked to complete a short writing exercise.** This will take the form of a question/stimulus, to which you will respond by first planning and then writing a 200-300 response (This is approximately two sides of A4).

Example:

*The space below can be used to plan your work before starting your writing on the next page. You may continue on an extra sheet of paper should you need it.*

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a) Write an account of your first day at school.

This will be marked both on what you write, and how you write it. The quality of your writing is more important than its length, but you should aim to bring the piece to an appropriate end/conclusion.

You should consider the following as you prepare to write:

- Paragraph and sequence your ideas purposefully
- Use punctuation accurately and for effect
- Vary your sentence structures
- Make sure tense and person are consistent
- Use a range of vocabulary accurately
- Include dialogue, if appropriate