

English Language Year 8 Mid Term Assessment

Section A Reading Skills

Year 8 will be given a short story extract to read and 5 questions to answer.

The extract is unseen.

Students will not have encountered or studied this text before in class.

Therefore, students cannot revise a specific text for Section A.

Students will be tested on the following reading skills:

1. Retrieval (skim and scan for an answer, select and copy accurate quotations)
2. Comprehension (supporting ideas with textual evidence)
3. Evaluation (developing an opinion with textual evidence)

Section B Creative Writing Skills

Students will be asked to write part of a creative short story. For example:

1. Continue the story from the extract in Section A
or
2. Write part of your own gothic or science-fiction story.

You could:

- Write the start or ending of a story
- Introduce a character(s) and use speech
- Describe the main action or climax of your story
- Describe a gothic or sci-fi setting or place

Students do not need to revise the class text *Dracula* for the Mid Term exam.

The Dracula Short Formal will take place after we have completed the unit.

However, the creative writing techniques and skills learnt during the study of *The Giver* / *Dracula* should be applied to Section B of the Mid Term exam.