

Prep for lesson 2

A) Get organised.

You will find A level revision much easier if you are organised. We really strongly suggest that you have a separate folder for each A level subject. In psychology you will probably end up with 3. One for each of the exam papers you will sit.

We strongly advise that you divide your folder into the following sections for paper 1. After or during each topic you can store your notes carefully in each section.

- Unit 1 – Social Influence
- Unit 1 – Memory
- Unit 1 – Attachment
- Unit 1 – Psychopathology

If you need help with buying folders or file dividers come and speak to you us! We can help.

B) Take notes and learn these terms. Use the research methods information pack you were given in class. It is also on psych205.com

1. Directional hypothesis
2. Non-directional hypothesis
3. Independent variable
4. Dependent variable
5. Operationalisation
6. Extraneous variables
7. Controlled variables
8. Confounding variables

- C) Hypothesis writing. You did a lot of work on this in your summer homework. But you'll need to refresh your knowledge. Answer the following questions:
- 1) When should a directional hypothesis be used?
 - 2) When should a non-directional hypothesis be used?
 - 3) What are the other names for directional and non-directional hypotheses?
 - 4) True or false – hypothesis are simply predictions of what a researcher thinks will happen.
 - 5) True or false – the statement in a hypothesis needs to be explained?
 - 6) True or false - both of conditions of the independent variable must be in the hypothesis.
 - 7) Follow the steps on page 9 to write a hypothesis for the example on the new drug Axocalm. ONLY when you have given it a go see if you are correct by looking at the answer on the next page.
 - 8) It doesn't matter if you are wrong – self correct the answer, so you can learn from it. We will be practising these in class A lot!