



Step Up Unit 1: AQA GCSE English Language

Section A - Lesson Five (Structure) **Sample Answer**

3. How has the writer structured the text to interest the reader?

You may want to write about:

- what you are focused on at the beginning;
- how the writer changes focus and why;
- any other parts of the structure that you find interesting. [8 marks]

What do you think of this answer to the question? Highlight and make notes on areas you think could be improved.

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Accurate use of terminology but reward is limited unless it relates clearly to structure and effect on reader, e.g. conflict taking place within protagonist's mind creates audience sympathy.

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Awareness and understanding of path taken by text but lacking analysis.

Vague effect – be more specific.

Too brief – needs to cover whole text.

Shows an implicit understanding of structure but needs to be explicit and analytical on effect it has on the reader.