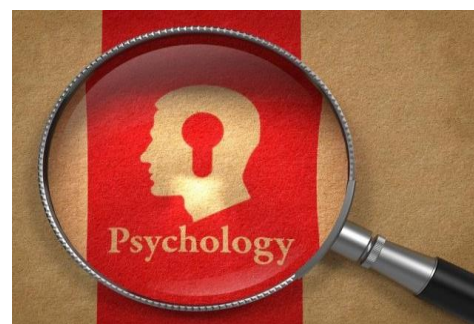


Psychology Summer Work

The aim of these activities is to introduce you to psychology – its approaches, theories and methods. The work will also require the use of important skills – the ability to summarise information accurately, the ability to draw appropriate conclusions from research, and the ability to evaluate research studies on both methodological and ethical grounds.



The summer work consists of some background reading (two readings), four pieces of research, and two worksheets – one for the research, and one for approaches to psychology.

Task 1: Approaches to Psychology

1. Reading A: What is Psychology?
2. Complete approaches spider-diagram – summarise the key assumptions of each approach and the research methods they use.

Task 2: Psychological Research

1. Reading B: Introduction to Psychology – The Scientific Approach 2.
Psychological research:
 - a. Cognitive dissonance
 - b. Gender
 - c. Jury decision making
 - d. Helping behaviour
3. For each piece of research complete a Research Worksheet – summarising and evaluating each piece of research.

Task 3: Careers in Psychology

Some people who study psychology go on to develop a career working as a psychologist. There are a number of different careers in psychology. Using the two websites below and wider research, find out what careers are available in psychology and what they involve. You may also explore other careers for which a degree in psychology is useful.

<https://careers.bps.org.uk/>

<https://www.prospects.ac.uk/careers-advice/what-can-i-do-with-my-degree/psychology>