

How to use Atom to prepare for written examinations



1. Master the curriculum



With all exams, the most important step in preparation is ensuring your child is confident with the curriculum! Both online and written exams are based on the same curriculum. On Atom your child has access to over 90,000 questions to make sure they are fully prepared!

2. Learn how to structure answers



Well-structured answers receive more marks in written tests, as they demonstrate students' ability to analyse and evaluate.

When your child answers questions on Atom they will see a breakdown of the question, regardless of whether they have answered correctly or incorrectly. Every breakdown is structured in the PEE format:



The umbrellas in the pair are both positioned in the same way. Click on the option that best matches the pair.



The correct answer is:



That's not the answer we were looking for!

Answer explanation

Linking Element:

- **Position:** The umbrellas in the pair are both lying on their right side - can you see how the curved handles of the umbrellas are facing upwards towards the sky?
- B, A and D are all incorrect because they are upright!

Correct:

- The correct answer is C.

- Point: the key fact or opinion in the answer.
- Evidence: points of reference to back up the point.
- Explanation: in-depth explanation of how the evidence backs up the point.

While working on Atom your child will naturally learn how to structure their own answers similarly. Comprehension Atoms have great explanations which follow the PEE structure.

3. Practice maths reasoning questions, not just arithmetic



Written exams often include more long-form questions that test student's ability to analyse, problem solve and apply their knowledge to new situations.

To support these skills on Atom the best Atoms to practise are:

- Worded problems
- Measurement (any)
- Data (any)

4. Promote good habits

When working on Atom, whether in the learning journeys, practices or mock tests encourage your child to always use pencil and paper for their working out. This is a good habit to get into for written exams, particularly for maths and verbal reasoning.