



How to use Atom to prepare for written examinations



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!



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:

Select the sentence which is grammatically correct.

A Nicola and amir were champion boxers. B Nicola and Amir were Champion boxers. C They won every. D They won every fight that they were in.

E They won every Fight they were in.

That's not quite right, but keep trying!

▼ Answer Explanation

- The only grammatically correct sentence is: "They won every fight that they were in."
- A sentence must have at least one main clause, makes sense on its own, start with a capital letter and end with a full stop, exclamation mark or question mark.
- A is incorrect, as 'Amir' is a proper noun - a specific name of a person - so it needs to be capitalised.
- B and E are also incorrect as there are words in these sentences ('champion' and 'fight') that are capitalised when they shouldn't be.
- C is not a complete sentence.

- **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.



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)



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.