



# A Level Psychology

## Summer bridging work

Before you begin your A level psychology in September, please complete the following activities in preparation for class discussion during the first session.

I look forward to seeing you in September.

### TASK 1:

Watch the following Ted Talks. Note any points which you find particularly interesting or surprising.

#### **9 myths about psychology, debunked**

[https://www.ted.com/talks/ben\\_ambridge\\_9\\_myths\\_about\\_psychology\\_debunked](https://www.ted.com/talks/ben_ambridge_9_myths_about_psychology_debunked)

#### **How early life experience is written into DNA**

[https://www.ted.com/talks/moshe\\_szyf\\_how\\_early\\_life\\_experience\\_is\\_written\\_into\\_dna](https://www.ted.com/talks/moshe_szyf_how_early_life_experience_is_written_into_dna)

#### **How reliable is your memory?**

[https://www.ted.com/talks/elizabeth\\_loftus\\_how\\_reliable\\_is\\_your\\_memory](https://www.ted.com/talks/elizabeth_loftus_how_reliable_is_your_memory)

### TASK 2:

**Choose three studies from the research listed below:**

- Milgram's (1961) baseline research into Obedience
- Asch's (1951) baseline study investigating conformity
- Harlow's monkey study (1958)
- Loftus and Palmer's (1975) research on leading questions affecting the accuracy of eyewitness testimony

**Using the prompts outlined below, fill in the table below.**

NAME OF THE STUDY	METHOD	FINDINGS	IMPLICATIONS
	<p>How did the psychologists carry out their research?</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• What methods did they use?</li><li>• Who and how many participants took part?</li><li>• What did they get them to do?</li></ul>	<p>What were the findings of the experiment?</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• What data was collected?</li><li>• How many/what % of participants responded in what way?</li></ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• What does the study tell us about human behaviour?</li><li>• Given the results, what have we learned about human behaviour from the research?</li></ul>

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## **The British Psychological Society Code of Ethics and Conduct**

The BPS Code of Ethics are a set of guidelines which have been outlined by the British Psychological Society for anyone carrying out psychological research in the UK. There are four ethical principles which are the main domains of responsibility for consideration by researchers within the code; respect, competence, responsibility and integrity.

**The full guidelines are outlined here:** <https://www.bps.org.uk/guideline/code-ethics-and-conduct>

### **TASK 3:**

Conduct research into three psychological studies which do not meet the standards outlined by the British Psychological Society's Code of Ethics. Using the table below, summarise the study and explain the ethical issues surrounding the research. Use the heading to demonstrate which areas of the code were breached.

**You may like to use this article to help you with your research:**

<https://www.bps.org.uk/research-digest/10-most-controversial-psychology-studies-ever-published>

# Ethical issues in Psychological Research

NAME/ DATE OF STUDY/ OUTLINE OF STUDY	RESPECT	COMPETENCE	RESPONSIBILITY	INTEGRITY
1.				
2.				
3.				