GCSE English Analysis Paragraphs Guide

Level: GCSE **Subject:** English

A writing guide to help students improve analytical paragraphs for GCSE English Language and Literature.

Paragraph Structure

- Point: answer the question directly.
- Evidence: use a short quotation or precise reference.
- Explanation: explain what the evidence suggests.
- Zoom in: analyse one important word or phrase.
- Link: connect back to the writer's purpose or the question.

Model Sentence Starters

- The writer presents...
- The verb/adjective suggests...
- This creates the impression that...
- The reader may feel...
- This links to the theme of...

Practice Task

Analyse this sentence: The storm swallowed the village in darkness. Write one paragraph explaining how the writer creates a threatening atmosphere.

Answer Guidance

Use this section for self-marking or tutor-led feedback. Award partial credit for correct method, clear reasoning and accurate use of terminology.

Marking Guidance

1 A strong answer comments on personification, the verb "swallowed", the noun "darkness" and the threatening atmosphere.

2 Award credit for clear explanation and accurate terminology.