

Purpose of task:

Task 1 – this task will help you to gain knowledge and understanding of what psychologists do in the real world and potential careers in the field. It will be assessed on how well you have selected information to fit the task requirements and how you have presented that information in your own words.

Task 2 – the purpose of wider reading is to improve the depth of understanding and to stimulate your interest in the discipline of psychology. It will help you to create links between topics you study and gain a bigger picture of what psychology involves. It provides useful material for university/college/training interviews.

Recommended resources:

Task 1 – British Psychological Society has lots of information on careers, but be sure to use more than one source of information

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Research Task – This is for everybody to complete before the start of term in September.

Choose one of the following careers in Psychology to research:

Clinical Psychologist, Educational Psychologist, Sports Psychologist, Health Psychologist, Neuropsychologist, Forensic Psychologist, Occupational Psychologist, Academic / Research Psychologist

Research the sort of work that these psychologists do. Use more than one source of information

Write a 200 word summary of the most important and interesting aspects of this career.

Submit your work during your first Psychology lesson.

This must be written in your own words, or the assignment will be considered as failed and another set for you to complete.

Task 2:

Reading List - The reading list below will give you ideas for accessible (and interesting!) books, even if you haven't studied Psychology before.

Reading from here is optional, but should be seriously considered if you are thinking about pursuing the subject into Higher Education or want to broaden your understanding.

Phantoms in the Brain - V S Ramachandran

The Man Who Mistook His Wife for a Hat - Oliver Sacks

The Skeleton Cupboard – Tanya Byron

The Myth of Mental Illness - Thomas Szasz

Forever Today – Deborah Wearing

Opening Skinner's Box – Lauren Slater

Paranormality – Richard Wiseman

The Brain That Changes Itself – Norman Doidge

Bad Science – Ben Goldacre

The Social Animal – Elliot Aronson

Why People Believe Weird Things (Pseudoscience, Superstitions and other confusions of our time) - Michael Shermer

Men of Blood – Murder in Modern England - Elliott Leyton

Doubly Deviant, Doubly Damned – Society's Treatment of Violent Women - Ann Lloyd

The Moral Animal - Robert Wright

Other Optional Activities: You might also like to look at TED talks on Psychology (use the search bar to find them) and just watch ones you find interesting. Write a short summary of the talk and why you would recommend it to another Psychology student. Save these and you can put them in your Independent Learning Folder in September and get off to a flying start.

Deadline for Task 1 – deadline for submission is the first Psychology lesson in September