

Higher RUAE: How do I revise?

Our first assessment under timed, exam-style conditions is coming up. We have been working on improving and elevating our RUAE skills to a Higher level over the past many weeks, but it is now up to you to ensure you do revision and support yourself as well in the lead up to this assessment. Below are a number of free and paid online and book resources which can help you to do this. If you have any questions about how to access any of them, please remember to come and see me as far in advance as possible! Here to help.

1. Use **SCHOLAR** and practice the question types. You can ask your teacher for your login details if you don't have them. SCHOLAS has lots of great self-marking RUAE exercises you can do, but also some practice papers/passages as well – feel free to send them through for marking.
 - a. <https://scholar.hw.ac.uk/sso/login?service=https%3A%2F%2Fscholar.hw.ac.uk%2Fcourses%2FE>
2. Use the **BBC Bitesize** sites for their tips on how to answer the different types of questions.
 - a. <https://www.bbc.co.uk/bitesize/guides/z4qkf4j/revision/2>
3. Complete the **SQA Specimen papers** and Past Papers available for free on their website, and mark with the marking schemes.
 - a. <https://www.sqa.org.uk/pastpapers/findpastpaper.htm?searchText=&subject=English&level=NH&includeMi=true&includeMi=on>
4. Buy the **SQA endorsed How to Pass Higher English for CfE (How To Pass - Higher Level)** book. The older version is also still very useful – even though it's not specific to Curriculum for Excellence.
 - a. <https://www.amazon.co.uk/How-Pass-Higher-English-Level/dp/1471808343>
5. The **'SNAP!' Revision books** are good too.
 - a. <https://www.amazon.co.uk/Leckie-Snap-Revision-Understanding-Evaluation/dp/0008306664>
6. Sign up for **e-Sgoil** webinars and online courses; they can sometimes be found through SCHOLAR or through their website directly.
 - a. <https://e-sgoil.com/study-support>
7. The Forth Valley & West Lothian RIC **YouTube channel** which has loads of videos on each question type.
 - a. https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=HhbsU_TNjk

General revision tips:

- Many of you bought a **Higher RUAE revision booklet** at the beginning of the year; use it, read it, do the practice questions! If you still don't have one: come get one.
- Use the resources posted in your class **Team** (PowerPoints, practice questions, practice papers).
- **Re-draft RUAE work** that you've done over the course of the year (taking feedback on board) and ask your teacher to re-mark it so that you know how to improve.
- **READ!** Get into the habit of reading newspaper articles online in order to improve your reading skills and build your vocabulary.
- **Ask questions & seek support** when necessary – your teacher can't read your mind, so if you're struggling: SAY.

Remember: timing is usually where most Higher candidates struggle. The only way to get better at this is to practice! Take advantage of all of the resources above to help you do this.