

**RUA E**

# What is RUAE?

RUAE stands for **Reading for Understanding, Analysis, and Evaluation**

## Important Info:

- This section of the exam is worth **30 marks**, which equates to **30%** of the candidate's grade
- N5 have 1 hour to sit this portion of the exam
- H have 1 hour and 30 minutes to sit this portion of the exam

# How to prepare for RUAE

- The RUAE paper will use a recent newspaper article, of a certain standard vocabulary.
- There is no way to tell which article will be used, but a good habit to get into is reading one quality piece of journalism per week.
- **Select an article** relevant to your interests (a review of a football match, concert or film perhaps)
- **Highlight** any **difficult words** you encounter
- Use the **context** of the paragraph to help you **work out meaning** or **use a dictionary**

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- There are many question types that pupils will have to learn and practice, many of these revolving around the **understanding** skill
- A helpful revision task for your young person may be for them to read a newspaper article, and then explain (in their own words) what it is about to you
- This will develop their summarising skills, as well as their vocabulary

# Common Question Types

- The question types that make up the most marks in the RUAE paper are **In Your Own Words** and **Word Choice** questions
- **IYOW**; tests the candidate's understanding of information that the writer has given by identifying said information, and translating the meaning into their own words
- **Word Choice**; asks the candidate to quote an interesting word(s), analyse the connotations, and use this to answer the question

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## Good Answer

- The Visitor Centre did not show enough awareness of the town’s traditions and customs.
- The proposals were only interested in making money.
- There would be traffic jams due to more people heading to the Centre.
- More parking spaces would be needed and they would have to use space from the picturesque parklands in the town

# Word Choice

## Top tips;

- Aim to quote 1 or 2 words, no more
- Always analyse the **connotations** of the word(s)
- Always link this analysis back to the question

## Example structure;

- “Pirate”
- This has connotations of stealing or being unlawful.
- This suggests...

# Word Choice

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## Example Answer (N5);

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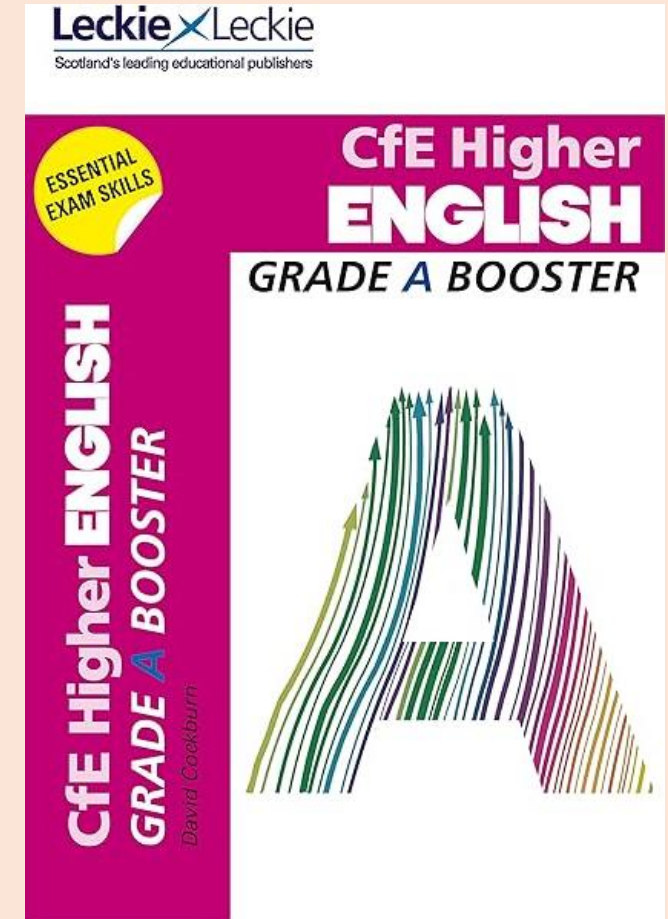
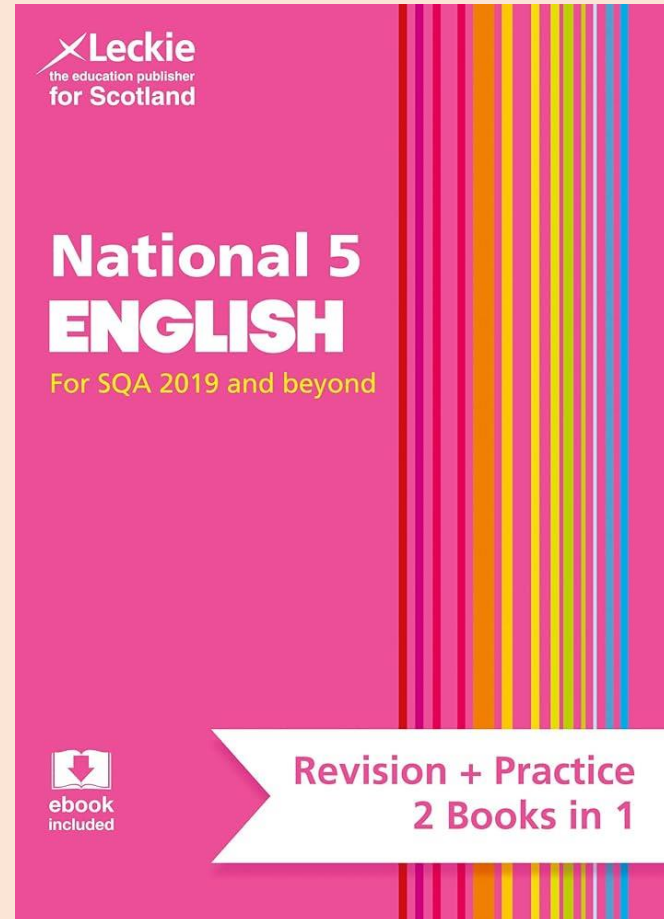
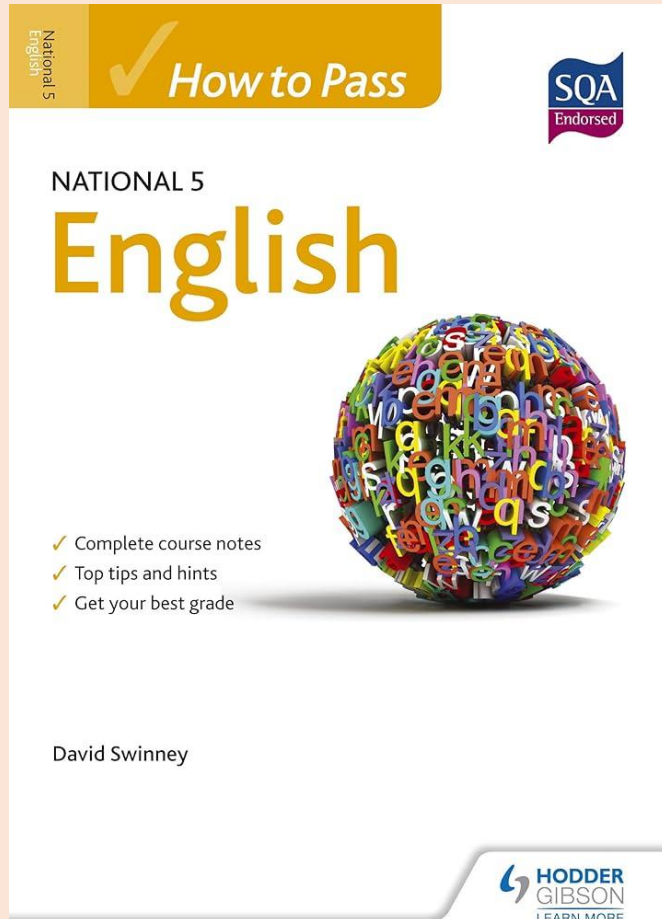
- “Swaggered” ✓
- This has connotations of arrogance, or thinking you are above others.
- This suggests that the writer thinks that those who give to others in public are arrogant, and are just doing so for attention. ✓

## Example Answer (Higher);

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- “Swaggered”
- This has connotations of arrogance, and an inflated sense of self.
- This suggests that the writer considers those who give to others in public see themselves as superior to others, and are conceited in the way they crave positive attention. ✓

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