

DEVIL'S ADVOCATE

Overview

For Year 2 Psychology it is important to introduce counter arguments where appropriate. It also can be useful at AS level to access the top mark bands. Much of the content in Psychology can be argued against and this activity encourages students to think about the alternative viewpoint. They then get used to acting as Devil's Advocate.

Teacher Instructions

Use the stimulus cards to prepare students. They should read the card and plan an argument against what they have just read. This argument should be written down on the Answer Sheet so they can remember it. This activity can be done in pairs with them arguing against each other in class (in which case they won't write anything down) or a quieter alternative is to get them to pass the cards around class and for them to jot their response on the Answer Sheet. This works well on a strictly timed basis, say 2 minutes per card.





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here is research to support the role of neurotransmitters in OCD, however...

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Systematic de-sensitisation works incredibly well for treating problems such as phobias, however...

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Animal studies of attachment are pointless as we are often unable to generalise to humans, however...



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Laboratory experiments can be criticised for their lack of ecological validity, however...

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Opportunity sampling is relatively quick and easy, however...

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ANSWER

Concordance rates of twins show support for the role of genetics however...

...as the rates are not 100% it seems that the environment also plays a significant part in developing mental health issues

Freud's work on case studies can be criticised for its lack of generalizability to the general population, however...

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Drug therapy can be a highly effective way of reducing the effects of stress rapidly, however...

Much of the research on social influence has been criticised on ethical grounds for the amount of deception used, however...

There is research support for the role of life changes as sources of stress, however...

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Research on day-care has shown negative effects on levels of aggression, however...

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