

Devil's advocate



For A2 Psychology it is especially important to introduce counter arguments where appropriate. It also can be useful at AS level to access the top AO2/3 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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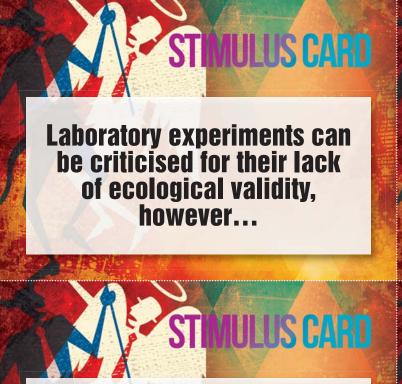
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ANSWER SHEET

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Laboratory experiments can be criticised for their lack of ecological validity, however	
Opportunity sampling is relatively quick and easy, however	Ψ