



**O'level**  
**Foundation**  
**Week 3**

**The Write Tribe**

## COMPO PLANNING

### Composition Topic

Do standardised tests really reveal student knowledge?

Yes

No

**NO!**  
Standardized testing  
do NOT reveal  
student knowledge!

**2. Competitive nature of tests  
have increased suicide rates  
among youngsters**

# THE WRITE NEWS

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## Boy, 11, suicides after mid-year results



SINGAPORE - The death of an 11-year-old boy, who fell 17 floors from his bedroom window on the day he was to show his parents his mid-year examination results, was found to be "a deliberate act of suicide" on Friday (Oct 21). The boy, referred as Master H, was a Primary 5 pupil who had never failed in any of his subjects. But students transitioning from Primary 4 to Primary 5 would generally have a dip in their results.

On May 12, Master H got back his examination papers for English language, Mathematics, Chinese language and Higher Chinese. Out of a score of 100, the boy got 50, 20.5, 53.8 and 12 marks respectively. Shortly after, he jumped down from 17 floors as he had never failed his examinations before. The mother was seen crying and repeatedly saying in Mandarin next to her son: "I only ask for 70 marks, I don't expect you to get 80 marks."



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### **3. Many geniuses were overlooked by standardized testing**

Albert Einstein was called **STUPID** by his teachers because he did not do well in school.

Standardized tests have standardized answers. Education is a system. Schools cater to a large volume of students. Teachers do not have the liberty to pay special attention to every paper. They have answer sheets with standard answers.

Tests become toxic when the emphasis becomes more about how close the language in one's test matches the answer sheet. It makes marking easier. What if there are students who were marked down because they have a poor command in English? Or what about those who are better at demonstrating than writing?



Imagine being in a **ROBOT BUILDING CLASS**.

Which is more important at demonstrating your knowledge on building robots?

- a. Actually building one
- b. Defining the meaning of a robot



**EVERYBODY IS A GENIUS**

**BUT IF YOU JUDGE A FISH  
BY ITS ABILITY TO CLIMB A TREE  
IT WILL LIVE ITS WHOLE LIFE  
BELIEVING THAT IT IS STUPID**

**- ALBERT EINSTEIN**



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**4. Not everyone learns the same way. So why is there are a one-size-fits-all approach when it comes to tests?**



## AUDITORY

Auditory learners make up **30%** of the population.

If you're an auditory learner information comes in best through your ears, from speeches, presentations or audio books. You have a knack for foreign languages and benefit from study groups.



## VISUAL

Visual learners make up **65%** of the population.

They tend to be neat and tidy, excellent spellers and quick to read charts. Visual learners also tend to be the fastest talkers.



## KINESTHETIC

Kinesthetic make up just **5%** of the population.

They are primarily male and love anything hands-on. These learners are often skilled athletes or musicians and are drawn to construction projects, science experiments and field trips.

WHICH STYLE OF LEARNING ARE YOU?



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**QUIZ TIME!**

**1. At which age does the rational part of the brain develop?**

- a. 21 years old
- b. 25 years old

**2. Adult and teen brains work exactly the same.**

- a. True
- b. False

**3. What is the brain's rational part called?**

- a. amygdala
- b. prefrontal cortex

**4. \_\_\_\_\_ is the part of the brain that responds to situations with good judgement and an awareness of long-term consequences.**

- a. amygdala
- b. prefrontal cortex

**5. Teens process information more with the \_\_\_\_\_**

- a. amygdala
- b. prefrontal cortex



**6. The \_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_ ensures you don't repeat a painful lesson again!**

- a. amygdala, orbitofrontal cortex
- b. prefrontal cortex, limbic region
- c. amygdala, prefrontal cortex

**7. Albert Einstein was considered stupid in his early years**

- a. True
- b. False

**8. What are the 3 styles of learning?**

- a. Auditory, Visual and Kinetic
- b. Auditory, Magnetic and Kinaesthetic
- c. Auditory, Visual and Kinesthetic

**Which side are you?**

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**WHY? ADD YOUR OWN THOUGHTS HERE.**

## INTRODUCTION

Thesis statement

Standardized tests

because

Supporting claim #1

and

Supporting claim #2

### Paragraph 2



Topic sentence



Explanation



An example



Link back to topic



### Paragraph 3



Topic sentence



Explanation



An example



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## CONCLUSION

THESIS  
RESTATEMENT

SUMMARIZE  
SUBPOINTS

FINAL  
IMPRESSION