

# **AQA ENGLISH LANGUAGE PAPER 1: QUESTION 3 – STRUCTURE SENTENCE STARTERS**

‘How does the writer structure the text to interest you as a reader?’

These sentence starters will help you identify key shifts and techniques and explain their effects clearly.



# OPENING THE PARAGRAPH (FOCUS AND INTRODUCTION)

- The writer begins the extract by focusing on...
- At the start of the text, the focus is on...
- The opening introduces the reader to...
- Initially, the writer draws attention to...



# FLASHBACKS, MEMORIES, OR SHIFTS IN TIME

- A flashback is used to...
- The writer includes a memory to show...
- By moving back in time, the writer highlights...



# ZOOMING IN OR OUT

- The writer zooms in on...
- This close-up detail helps the reader understand...
- Later, the narrative zooms out to show...



# CHARACTER AND EMOTiON

- The shift in structure reveals a change in the character's...
- This moment allows the reader to understand how the character...
- Through this structural choice, the writer shows...

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# ENDING THE EXTRACT

- By the end of the extract, the focus returns to...
- The ending is effective because...
- The final section reinforces...
- This leaves the reader feeling...

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# EFFECT ON THE READER (EMBED THROUGHOUT)

- This engages the reader because...
- This structural feature creates tension/sympathy/curiosity by...
- The reader is encouraged to think about...
- This structure maintains interest by...