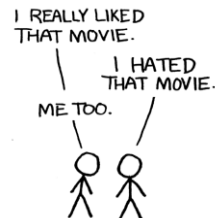


Psychology Summer Homework – Social Influence

This sheet must be **completed** and **brought to** your **first** lesson back in **September. It is essential that you bring it as you WILL be using it in the first lesson.**



Our first topic in September will be social influence which involves thinking about the pressures that we have from others which may have an impact on our opinions and behaviours.

In Psychology you must be capable of contextualising theories into everyday scenarios and be able to apply psychological knowledge to them. The tasks on this page will give you essential insight into the applicability of Psychology and in the first few psychology lessons, will enable you to develop your ideas further using the psychological theories.

In each of the scenarios below write down how you think the person would react in this situation and start to think of reasons why. Then in the third column explain how you think you would react and why?

Scenario	How do you think they would react and why?	How do you think you would react and why?
Viktor is taking a Psychology mock exam. He is seated in a circle arrangement with a group of students from the same class. He has revised very hard, but he is tempted to look at the other students' answers. He does so and notices that his answers are different from the rest of the group. He starts to wonder if his answer is right.		
Cathy is going to a party. She is agonizing over what to wear. She wants to fit in. Finally, she decides to look gorgeous and puts on expensive make-up, jewellery, and a designer dress. She looks in the mirror and feels great. She calls her best friend to find out what she is going to wear. Her friend says she can't be bothered to dress up and that she is wearing a pair of jeans and a t-shirt. She starts to wonder what she would wear.		
Mikhail sees his teacher in the supermarket on a Saturday morning. The teacher notices some rubbish next to Mikhail on the floor and asks him to pick it up.		
Sara is walking down the corridor in her school with her shirt untucked and a sixth form student asks her to tuck it in. The next day she has it untucked again, and a teacher asks her to tuck it in. Think about the reaction of Sara in both scenarios		

Social influence and you – answer the following questions: -

Do you prefer to wear trainers or shoes?

Which do you wear at school and why?

Ethical considerations in psychology – research task.

In Psychology it is important that research studies, to test theories, are carried out in an ethically acceptable way according to the code of ethics set out by the British Psychological Society (BPS), which includes a set of ethical guidelines. This means that we must take steps in research to make sure that we deal with these ethical issues. This enables us to conduct worthwhile and innovative research whilst at the same time respecting the dignity and wellbeing of participants.

Complete the table below to give a description of the issue, and also ways that the issue can be dealt with.

You do not need access to books to do this – all the information is online. E.g. search for tutor2u, simplypsychology. It is not acceptable to say that you “cannot find” the information: if you try you will find it.

Ethical issue	Definition of this issue	How this could be dealt with in a study
Protection from harm		
Informed consent		
Deception		
Confidentiality		
The right to withdraw		

Application of Ethical Issues - consider the study below- think about how 2 of the above issues could be relevant to this study and how they could both be dealt with

A psychologist was interested in the attitudes students have towards obedience. He wanted to know whether the students thought that obeying orders of an authority figure was desirable or not. He also wanted to know what factors influenced the students’ decisions to obey authority figures. He produced a questionnaire and distributed it to 200 students at a local sixth form college	Answer:
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