

Worksheet 2(b)

1. **Finding your way around the Edexcel site**
2. **Answering short answer questions on the Foundation Tier paper**

As you know, it is possible to be entered for the Foundation or Higher Tier at Edexcel IGCSE. A great deal of the exam paper is the same for both tiers, but the Higher Tier asks a little bit more of you and requires that your short answer questions are responded to in a bit more detail. It also expects you to be able to 'read between the lines' a bit more, in other words to deduce things in the written passages that are not directly stated.

By far the best way to get used to answering these sorts of questions is to practise reading and answering actual question from past papers. This kills two birds with one stone (hope you aren't a bird watcher!). First of all, it gives you practice with reading pieces of writing which you won't have seen before. Secondly it gets you used to looking at actual exam papers, so they won't be too intimidating when you actually come to do the exam.

For this worksheet I would like you to look at the past paper for the May 2005 exam. Edexcel are notorious for moving things around on their web-site, but here is how to find things:

1. Go to the Edexcel web-site at www.Edexcel.com
2. In the left hand box entitled Qualifications Finder choose Current IGCSEs in the first drop down box.
3. In the second drop down box Select a Subject, choose English Language (not English as a second language).
4. This will take you to a page with a centre pane called 'Documents'.
5. Click Examination papers and this will bring you to a selection of past papers.
6. Choose the paper called ***Examination Paper – Foundation Tier May 2005***
7. This will be in the form of a .pdf file. You can probably read this file without downloading any software, but you may get prompted to download Adobe Acrobat reader. Don't worry – it's quite safe, and it will enable you to read all the files on the Edexcel site, which will be really useful.
8. Click the Download button and in a short while the past paper will appear.
9. Print it off