

## AO2 Scenario Qs

**Plan your answers to include AO2 comments.**

A student showed participants a film of a car accident. After watching the film, each participant was asked to write down what they had seen. The student was surprised to see that the descriptions of the accident were quite different.

The student's psychology teacher suggested that the participants' recall might be improved by using cognitive interview techniques.

Suggest **two** cognitive interview techniques that could be used to improve participants' recall of the film.

**[4 marks]**

Danielle was walking down the high street when she witnessed a crime. A young man attacked an elderly woman. After a struggle, the man ran away with the woman's handbag. Danielle and another couple of witnesses stayed with the woman until the police arrived.

Explain how the police could use the cognitive interview to help Danielle's recall of the event.

**[6 marks]**

Anca is an orphan who has recently been adopted by a British couple. Before being adopted, Anca lived in an institution with lots of other children in very poor conditions. Her new parents are understandably concerned about how Anca's early experiences may affect her in the future.

Use your knowledge of the effects of institutionalisation to advise Anca's new parents about what to expect.

**[5 marks]**

Max has a phobia of the sea. On a family holiday as a child, he was carried away by the tide and had to be rescued by a lifeguard. Now he has a family of his own, Max refuses to go on beach holidays.

Discuss the two-process model of phobias. Refer to Max's phobia of the sea in your answer.

**[16 marks]**

Julia complains that her baby is sleeping all day and keeping her awake all night.

Using your knowledge of research into exogenous zeitgebers, discuss what Julia could do to encourage her baby to sleep more at night.

**[8 marks]**

'Psychologists sometimes adopt a reductionist approach to their investigations when they want their research to be objective and empirical.'

Discuss reductionism in psychological research. Refer to the statement above in your answer.

**[16 marks]**