



A Level Psychology – Bridging Work



Hello and welcome to A Level psychology! Unlike many of your other subjects, Psychology will be completely new to you and you may have a number of misconceptions about it. A Level Psychology involves a lot of content learning and essay writing, a bit of biology, and quite a bit of statistics (not for this bridging work though)!

This bridging work will give you a taster of one of the main studies we look at in Year 12 in the topic of 'Social Influence'.

Watch the clip of Zimbardo's (1971) study "The Stanford Prison Experiment", and then **answer the 5 questions** about the study below.



Clip: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=F4txhN13y6A> (29 mins)

Questions:

1. What was the aim of study?
2. What was the method? (What did they do?)
3. What were the results? (What did they find?)
4. What could the study conclude? (What could you summarise?)
5. Could you think of any issues with the study / disadvantages of the study? (Tip – think about how the participants could feel taking part, the setting that it took part in...)

Extension: If you're interested to know more about this study, watch the film: The Stanford Prison Experiment (2015) (15 years+).