

## Psychology Transition Tasks

These tasks will get you thinking about how research is used in psychology as well as give you an introduction to social psychology, which is the study of how people's thoughts, feelings and behaviour are affected by the presence of others. Later on in the course, we'll also be studying topics as diverse as eyewitness testimony and a baby's attachment to its mother.

### Task 1 – Open choice psychological research

Choose at least one episode/talk from either of these play lists:

BBC Radio 4's 'All in the Mind' series. <http://www.bbc.co.uk/programmes/b006qxx9>

Psychological TED talks: <http://www.ted.com/topics/psychology>

After watching/listening to your chosen episode, prepare a presentation for the rest of the class on this area of psychology. It can be in the form of a brief PowerPoint presentation (no more than five slides) or you may present a poster, showing the main information points. Your presentation must be a minimum of 3 minutes and you may use cue cards while presenting, although you will be expected to show good presenter skills (i.e. speak clearly, loudly, and make eye contact with your audience). Whichever format you choose, make sure that the presentation is visually appealing, rather than text-heavy. In other words, use diagrams, pictures or graphics to summarise the points that you are making.

Your presentation should include answers to the following:

What specifically has psychological research shown about this area?

What are the possible applications? (i.e. what areas of everyday life can be improved because of this new knowledge?)

Presentations will commence in the first Psychology lesson.

### Task 2 – Is Psychology a science?

Using this website and others, write at least **two** paragraphs arguing if Psychology can be seen as a science or not.

[Is Psychology a Science? | Simply Psychology](#)

This needs to be submitted in your first Psychology lesson.

Be ready for a class discussion on this topic.