

Extended Essay Assessment
Criterion B: Knowledge and Understanding

Criterion Strands:

1. Knowledge and Content
2. Communication of concepts (terminology)

What this Criterion assesses:

- Extent to which the research relates to the subject area/discipline used to explore the research question, or in the case of the world studies EE, the issue addressed and the two disciplinary perspectives applied
- The way in which this knowledge and understanding is demonstrated through the use of appropriate terminology and concepts

Assessed with 6 marks

- Highest = 6
- Lowest = 0

Questions to Inspire Feedback

- Is there evidence of a clear and coherent knowledge of the topic/discipline(s)/issue(s) and are sources used effectively and with understanding?
- Is the use of subject-specific terminology and concepts accurate and consistent, and does it demonstrate effective knowledge and understanding?
- Is the research appropriate to the r

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0	The work does not reach a standard outlined by the descriptors below		
Level	Strand	Descriptor	Indicator
1-2	Knowledge and understanding	Knowledge and understanding is limited	☐ The application of source material has limited relevance and is only partially appropriate to the research question ☐ Knowledge of the topic/discipline(s)/issue is anecdotal, unstructured and mostly descriptive with sources not effectively being used
	Terminology and concepts	Use of terminology and concepts is clear and limited	☐ Subject-specific terminology and/or concepts are either missing or inaccurate, demonstrating a limited knowledge and understanding
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3-4	Knowledge and understanding	Knowledge and understanding is good	☐ The application of source material is mostly relevant and appropriate to the research question ☐ Knowledge of the topic/discipline(s)/issue is clear; there is an understanding of the sources used but their application is only partially effective
	Terminology and concepts	Use of terminology and concepts is adequate	☐ The use of subject-specific terminology and concepts is mostly accurate, demonstrating an appropriate level of knowledge and understanding
Level	Strand	Descriptor	Indicator
5-6	Knowledge and understanding	Knowledge and understanding is excellent	☐ The application of source materials is clearly relevant and appropriate to the research question ☐ Knowledge of the topic/discipline(s)/issue is clear and coherent and sources are used effectively and with understanding
	Terminology and concepts	Use of terminology and concepts is good	☐ The use of subject-specific terminology and concepts is accurate and consistent, demonstrating effective knowledge and understanding

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