

Question analysis

It is important that as a student you always answer the set question. While this sounds simple and like basic common sense it is not always as easy as it sounds. Once you have begun to research a topic, your mind is full of thoughts and ideas, some of which go off at a tangent to the prescribed question.

One way to ensure your response is on target is to analyse the question carefully.



Activity 1

Read the following question as if you had to answer it.

.....**Insert question**

Rewrite it, beginning with the words:
This task asks me to...

Your answer should be something like this: (.....**to be inserted**)



Activity 2

Select one of the questions you have to answer in your course.

Read it and apply the same technique. Restate the question by writing:

This task asks me to...



Activity 3

Write your version of the question on a scrap of paper. Whenever you are working on the assignment, either researching or writing, make sure you have the scrap of paper with you. Glance at it regularly to ensure you are staying on task.

