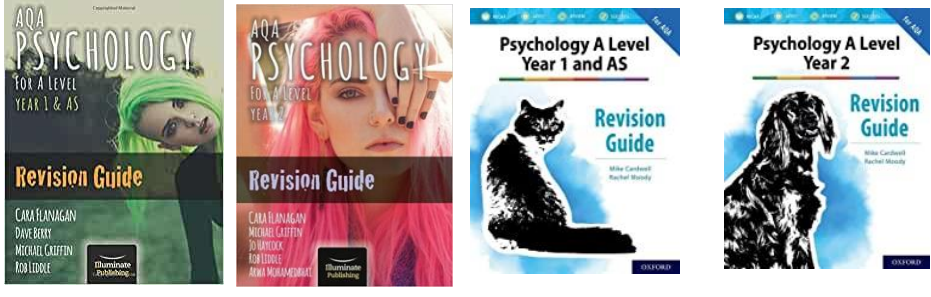


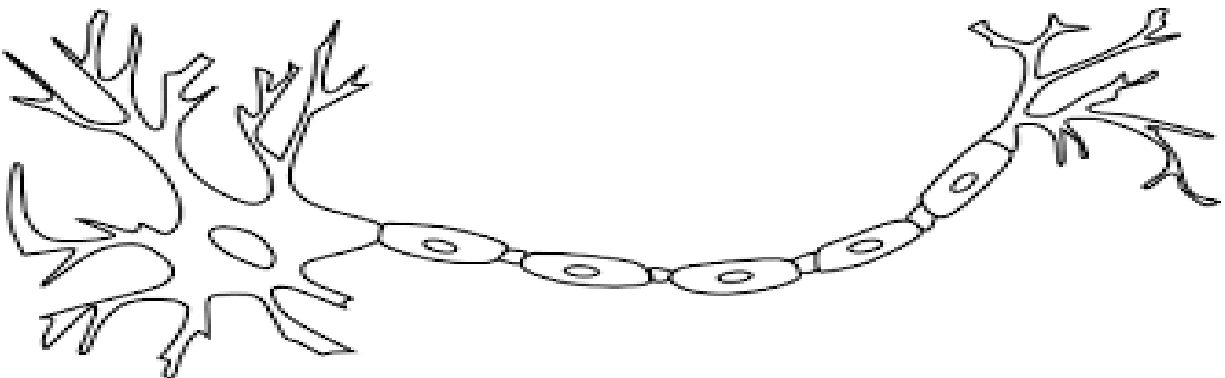
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Key information:

Specification	AQA Psychology - <a href="https://www.aqa.org.uk/subjects/psychology/as-and-a-level">https://www.aqa.org.uk/subjects/psychology/as-and-a-level</a>
Useful revision guides	
Useful websites	<a href="https://www.simplypsychology.org/">https://www.simplypsychology.org/</a> <a href="https://www.tutor2u.net/psychology">https://www.tutor2u.net/psychology</a> <a href="https://www.s-cool.co.uk/a-level/psychology">https://www.s-cool.co.uk/a-level/psychology</a> <a href="https://studywise.co.uk/a-level-revision/psychology/">https://studywise.co.uk/a-level-revision/psychology/</a> <a href="https://digest.bps.org.uk/">https://digest.bps.org.uk/</a>

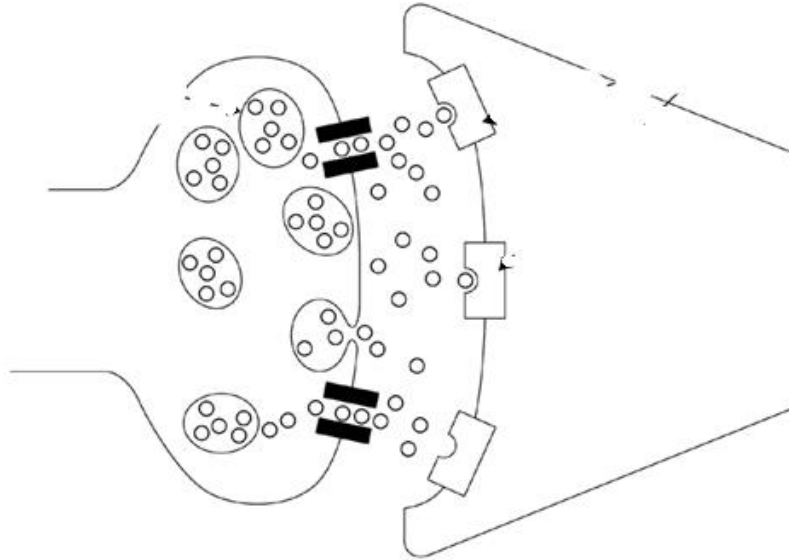
Introduction tasks:

- 1) Go to <https://www.simplypsychology.org/> and start looking at the different approaches in psychology (cognitive, social, behaviourist, biological, humanistic and psychodynamic)
  - a) start a list of key terms for each approach
  - b) write a short paragraph about how they explain behaviour (i.e. is behaviour learnt? Or is it inherited?)
  - c) write down any key psychologists who are associated with the approach
  - d) write down the methods that they use to carry out research (e.g. experiments, questionnaires, observations, brain scanning)
- 2) Label the neuron
  - Dendrite
  - Axon terminal
  - Axon
  - Myelin sheath
  - Cell body



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- 3) Label the process of synaptic transmission
- Synapse
  - Presynaptic terminal
  - Post synaptic terminal
  - Vesicles
  - Receptor sites
  - Neurotransmitter



- 4) Complete “Data Handling” workbooklet (attached separately)
- 5) Go to <https://digest.bps.org.uk/> and find one article that interests you (there is a search function). Write a short paragraph explaining why you picked that article, what the researchers did and what they found.
- 6) One of the topics we will study is social influence. This topic looks at conformity and obedience.
- a) Write a definition for conformity and obedience
  - b) Watch Asch’s experiment on YouTube. Answer the following questions:
    - What were the aims of the study? (i.e. what were they trying to find out?)
    - Were you surprised by the participant’s behaviour?
    - Do you think everyone would act in this way when in this situation?
    - Do you think the research was biased in any way?
    - How useful is this piece of research to our understanding of conformity?
  - c) Watch Zimbardo’s Stanford Prison Study on YouTube. Answer the following questions:
    - What were the aims of the study? (i.e. what were they trying to find out?)
    - Were you surprised by the guards’ behaviour?
    - Do you think everyone would act in this way when in this situation?
    - Do you think the research was biased in any way?
    - Do you think they were right to stop the research early?
    - How useful is this piece of research to our understanding of obedience?