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how	This command word signals you to comment, explain and analyse; using PEE to structure your own response will help you to do all of this.
structured	Focus on how the author has constructed the text; this also narrows AO2 as the focus of this question is on structure rather than language.
interest	Comment on, explain and analyse the ways in which a text engages readers and elicits a response from them; think about which aspects of the text had an impact or an effect on you and why that was.

The bullet points provide further guidance on constructing your answer. These are liable to change slightly depending on the text but question three will always be on structure and the points above will always stand. The final bullet point intentionally prompts students to demonstrate perceptiveness by bringing in any features that they feel are relevant; though you can comment on structure at punctuation and sentence level, the examiner is really pushing you to consider how the writer has influenced the reader through the sequencing of paragraphs and the flow of ideas and concepts.