

ACTIVITY 1

A01

SKILLS CRITICAL THINKING

▼ EXPLORING OPINIONS

Copy and complete the following table, finding explanations and evidence of the writer's opinions.

▼ THE WRITER'S OPINIONS	▼ EXPLANATION AND EVIDENCE
The two explorers are presented as childish.	1 Mr Smith has a nickname, which suggests a juvenile nature. 2 When they get in trouble they phone home, like running home to their mother. 3 Ms Vestey dismisses them as 'boys' and describes their behaviour as 'messaging about'.
The writer uses irony to express his opinions.	1 Mr Smith's nickname is ironic as Q is the character from the James Bond films who is good with technical devices. 2 3
The two explorers are not really as expert as they claim to be.	1 2 3
The Royal Navy is used to criticise the two men.	1 2 3
The writer uses experts to voice his criticisms for him.	1 2 3
The writer uses emotive language.	1 2 3

- Write a single paragraph that directly expresses how the writer feels, rather than using the range of indirect criticisms that the writer uses in the text.

GENERAL VOCABULARY

irony using words to convey a meaning that is completely opposite to their apparent meaning

ACTIVITY 2

A04

A05

SKILLS CRITICAL THINKING, ANALYSIS, ADAPTIVE LEARNING, CREATIVITY

▼ OPINION AND FACT

Think of a recent event or situation of which you have personal experience, and about which you have a critical opinion. Write a short account, including factual details, but use what you have learnt from the extract to find ways to express your opinions as well.

EXAM-STYLE QUESTION

A02

SKILLS CRITICAL THINKING, ANALYSIS, ADAPTIVE LEARNING, CREATIVITY

How does the writer use language and structure to detail their opinion on the event?

You should support your answer with close reference to the passage, including **brief quotations**. (12 marks)