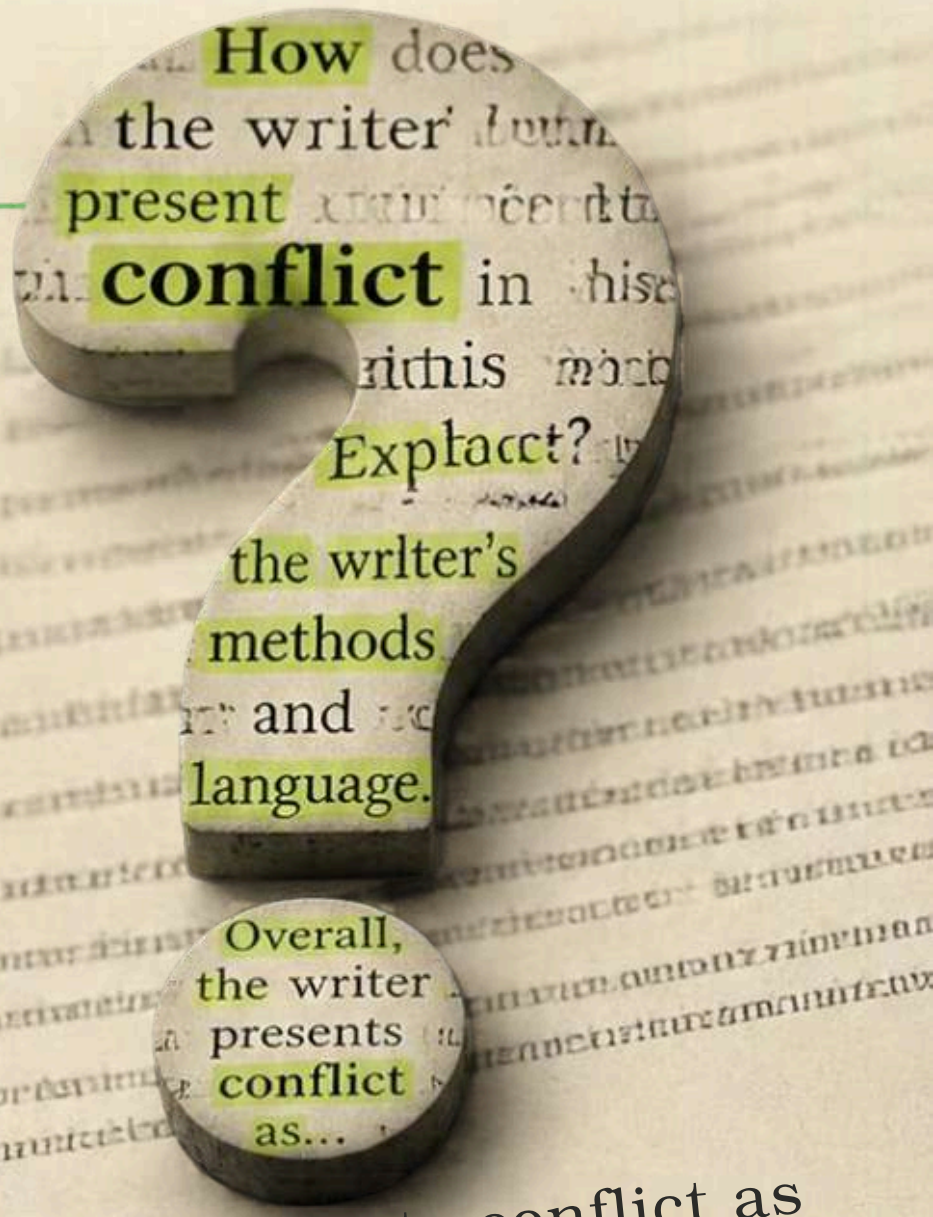
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TOP TIPS

GCSE English: answer the question



1. **Use the key word in the question**
2. **Make a clear argument**
3. **Return to the question**

> The writer presents conflict as ***destructive and inescapable***, using imagery and contrast to highlight its impact.

A strong essay is not a technique hunt. It is a clear response supported by choices from the writer.

Keep your line of argument visible.

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TOP TIPS



1. What is the first impression?
2. How does the focus or mood change?
3. Why does the ending matter?

Track the shift: opening, development, ending.

Practise structure, not just techniques.

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TOP TIPS

1. IDENTIFY EACH WRITER'S VIEWPOINT.
2. SELECT SHORT EVIDENCE.
3. COMPARE THE METHODS AND EFFECTS, NOT JUST THE TOPICS. THINK ABOUT HOW THEY FEEL!

CITY DAILY

Progress today, prosperity tomorrow

Investment in our infrastructure is not just spending; it is a [redacted] New jobs, stronger communities and innovation will lift everyone.

[redacted] with vision and determination, we can build a nation that [redacted]

VS.

THE HERALD

Promises made, communities left behind

Beneath the headlines, many families are still [redacted]

Services are stretched, voices are ignored, and inequality continues to grow. [redacted] it will come from listening, acting, and being accountable.

Compare viewpoints with precision.

How do they feel about the topic?
How do you know?

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TOP TIPS

English challenge: ban the basic word

nice → generous

bad → destructive

said → insisted

Replace one vague word in your writing with a precise alternative.
What changes can you make?

Comment with your best upgrade.