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Assessment Prep with Kognity
IBDP English A: Language and Literature

What is this guide for?

This guide is designed to help you make the most out of Kognity as a tool to prepare students for success both in formative assessments and IBDP exam preparation.

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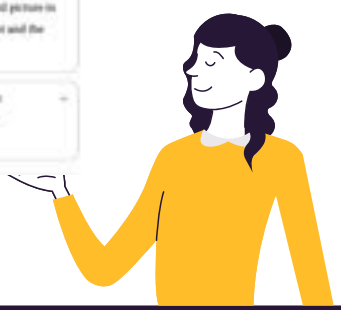
According to John Hattie, Professor of Education and Director of the Melbourne Educational Research Institute at the University of Melbourne, Australia, feedback is an important driver for improving teaching and learning. Formative assessments play a large role in consistent feedback throughout the year as students prepare for their IBDP exams. Kognity provides efficient tools for immediate feedback to the student.

> **"Think of feedback as received, not given."**
>
> John Hattie

For students:

Students can test their analytical and interpretative skills in IBDP English A: Language and Literature through completing an interactive activity and then revealing the solution to receive immediate feedback on their response. In addition, at the end of each content section, students can complete knowledge check questions that are auto-graded, allowing them again to receive feedback right away on their progress.



Below you will find some ways teachers can use Kognity's resources to successfully prepare their students for IBDP Biology assessment components.
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Activity sheets

To provide students with resources for self-directed active recall study, use Activity Sheets to help them identify areas of weakness.

Figure 1. Page 4 from Maus by Art Spiegelman.
Credit: Art Spiegelman, Maus[1]

More information for figure 1

Exercise questions

In this extract from *Maus*, which feature of graphic novel layout creates the emotional shift between Artie skating with his friends and sitting alone in tears?

Gutter

Accepted answers
Gutter

Also accepted
Gutters, Negative space

Which of the following visual choices are used in the extract to shape the reader's understanding of Artie's emotional experience?

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Templates

Kognity's templates invite students to revisit, reframe, and refine the critical thinking, textual analysis, writing, and speaking skills learned and apply them to their own texts—drawing connections between concepts and honing the craft of interpretation. Though not scored automatically, they open a window into each learner's thinking, helping teachers surface misconceptions and shape meaningful next steps. They are springboards for customised learning and deeper insight!

Exam-Style Questions

Kognity provides exam-style questions and guidance on how to answer them that teachers can use in a variety of different ways with their students. For example, teachers can assign exam-style questions for students to do independently, in small, cooperative learning groupings or as a whole class. The guidance provided can be reviewed with students.

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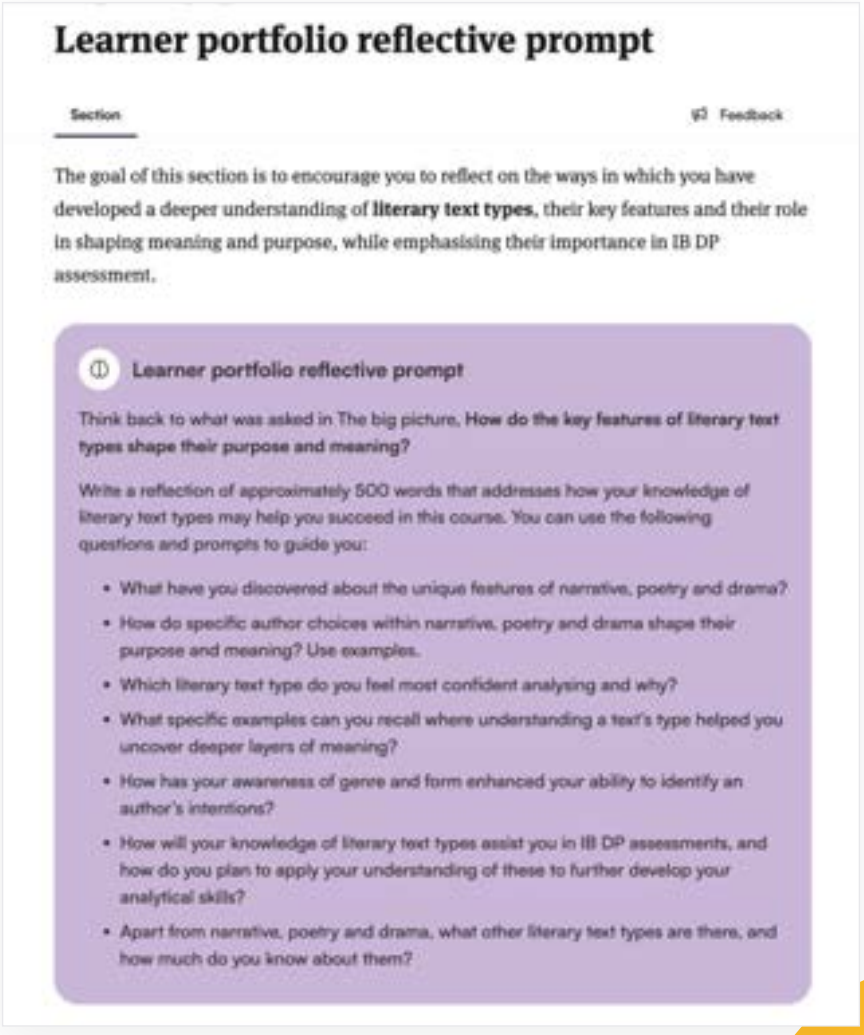
Learner Portfolio Reflective Prompts

Learner Portfolio Reflective Prompts provide students with an opportunity to reflect on their learning. They encourage students to return to the subtopic's thinking prompt, consider what they've learned, and write down their thoughts.

Learner Portfolio Reflective Prompts are an excellent assessment tool for gauging students' development and engagement with the material. As a teacher, you can use the Learner Portfolio Reflective Prompts as an additional tool to assess their conceptual understanding of the course.



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Internal Assessment - The Individual Oral

To ensure success in the Internal Assessment - The Individual Oral, teachers must spend time introducing and explaining the criteria and responsibilities to their students. Kognity's "Skills for the Individual Oral" subtopic is a great resource for both teachers and students to understand and develop the skills needed and review examples for planning and executing them—from choosing their extracts and constructing their global issue to creating their outlines. The provided templates guide students through structuring their oral presentation, refining textual analysis, and using terminology with precision.

The Higher Level Essay

The HL Essay challenges students to conduct independent inquiry, requiring them to develop a focused research question and sustain a formal, critical argument. Kognity's "Skills for the HL Essay" subtopic supports this with carefully designed templates that help students conceptualise, structure, and refine their essays. From formulating lines

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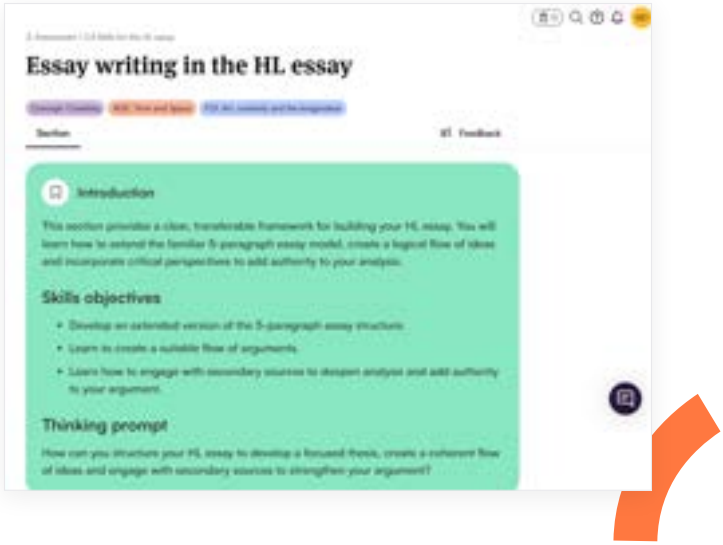
of inquiry to integrating secondary perspectives and citing sources appropriately, the guidance provided fosters academic independence while giving teachers tools to supervise the process effectively.



Paper 1

For Paper 1, success hinges on students' ability to engage critically with unfamiliar non-literary texts under timed conditions. Kognity's "Skills for Paper 1" subtopic helps develop key skills and analytical strategies—from unpacking the question to writing their guided analysis. The templates guide students through reading unseen texts and planning their writing. These tools also support teachers in modelling responses and providing formative feedback on conceptual depth and clarity.

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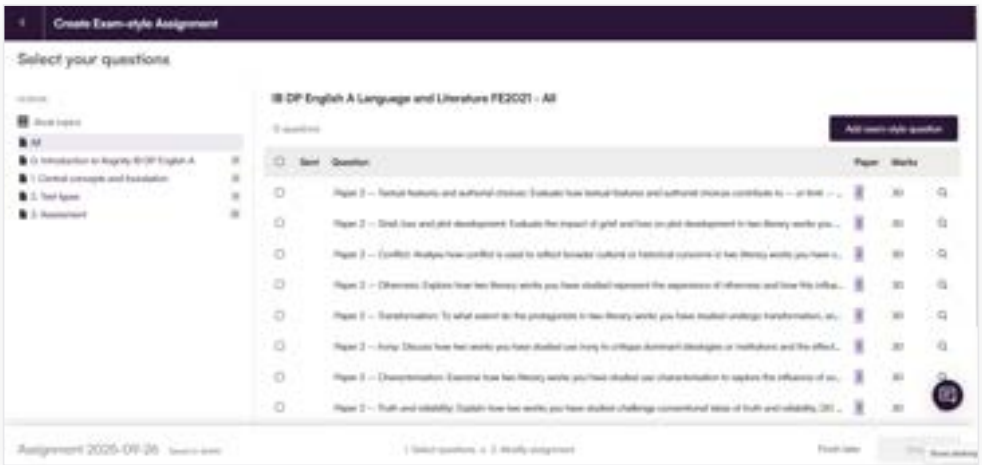
Paper 2

Preparing students for Paper 2 involves building their ability to compare and contrast literary works through sustained, comparative argumentation. Kognity's "Skills for Paper 2" subtopic offers structured content and templates that help students choose an essay prompt or question that aligns with their texts, and recognise suitable rich passages or hotspots for comparative analysis. The emphasis on critical thinking and textual analysis frameworks enables students to refine their comparative lens while giving teachers a clear path to scaffold these higher-order thinking skills.

IBDP Exam Papers

Kognity's exam-style questions are all based on Papers 1 and 2, and contain questions and guidance on how to answer them that are written by subject matter experts and examiners just for Kognity! Using these exam-style questions can provide students tips for success and a student can also add a timer when using an exam-style assignment to model real exam conditions!