

SODAS

SODAS is an acronym created to help remember how to correctly write a response for an AP Psychology FRQ prompt.



S: Space

Start each term on its own line, skipping 2-3 lines after the previous term.

O: Order

Orderly aka Neatly... Write legibly! If the reader can't read it, you cannot earn the point. Write neatly enough, and LARGE enough for examiners to easily read your FRQ. (Blue or Black pen, please)

D: Define

Define the term. Define it clearly. A good definition can sometimes “rescue” a weak application. Do NOT use the term in the definition (no circular definitions, refer to “Synonyms”)

A: Application

Refer to the prompt, and specifically apply the term to the scenario in the prompt.

S: Synonyms

Synonyms. (Refer to “define”). Use synonyms when defining a term. Example of an unacceptable definition due to lack of synonyms: “Observational learning is learning how to do something because you’ve observed somebody else do it.” Acceptable definition: “Observational learning is figuring out how to do something because you’ve seen someone else do it.”