
Sample Assignment: Unit 13 The Mind and the Brain

ASSIGNMENT BRIEF

Unit Name:	The Mind and the Brain	Unit Number:	Unit 13
Assignment Title:	The Brain: Damage, Disease or Drug Abuse	Assignment Number:	13.2
Date Set:		Due Date:	
Assessment Objective(s): AO1b			
Brief: <p>The brain is an extremely complex organ. On occasion the brain can suffer from some form of damage that can result in changes in the way that the brain functions.</p> <p>You are to investigate how:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• One illness or• Specific damage or• Continued drug abuse, may change the functioning of the brain. <p>You are to produce a factsheet/leaflet detailing your research suitable for others in your class.</p>			
Stage 1 <p>Select one of the following areas to research:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Alzheimer's disease• Huntington's disease• Schizophrenia• Epilepsy• Sustained use of cocaine• Sustained use of Prozac.			

Stage 2

Use your research from above to produce a detailed leaflet, taking into account for whom the leaflet is designed.

Ensure that you include:

- A brief summary of the structure and functions of the brain (a diagram may be useful here)
- A description of the behavioural and cognitive effects of your chosen area of research on individuals
- A description of the changes at cell level within the brain
- An outline of treatments/support that are relevant in the case of the disease/drug abuse.

Stage 3

Present your leaflet and talk through the content with other students within your group/class.

Ask them to complete a feedback form on your research/leaflet.

Maximum possible marks for this task: 5