

L033: Childhood inequalities – Knowledge organiser

Key concepts, studies and exam links.

Concept / study	What it means	Exam use
Core idea	Childhoods are socially constructed, but they are not constructed equally for everyone.	Use as AO1 and to frame explanation.
Core idea	Resources, housing, schools, digital access, safety and family time can create unequal childhood experiences.	Use as AO1 and to frame explanation.
Core idea	Intersectionality helps learners avoid simple group generalisations.	Use as AO1 and to frame explanation.
Brannen	Children's experiences of family life are shaped by social context and resources.	Use to evidence or evaluate a claim.
Vincent and Ball	Middle-class families can use cultural and economic resources to shape children's opportunities.	Use to evidence or evaluate a claim.
Intersectional approaches	Class, gender, ethnicity, disability and migration status combine rather than operate separately.	Use to evidence or evaluate a claim.
Marxist	Class resources and institutional advantage shape life chances.	Use to compare explanations.
Feminist	Gendered expectations can affect freedom, safety and domestic responsibilities.	Use to compare explanations.
Personal life	Children actively interpret inequality but cannot choose all constraints.	Use to compare explanations.