

L035: Modern childhood – Knowledge organiser

Key concepts, studies and exam links.

Concept / study	What it means	Exam use
Core idea	Modern childhood is often described as child-centred, mediated and risk-aware, but experiences vary strongly.	Use as AO1 and to frame explanation.
Core idea	Media and consumption can expand knowledge and choice while also creating anxiety, surveillance and inequality.	Use as AO1 and to frame explanation.
Core idea	Learners link contemporary childhood to evidence, theory and careful evaluation.	Use as AO1 and to frame explanation.
Postman	Media may reduce the boundary between childhood and adulthood by widening access to adult knowledge.	Use to evidence or evaluate a claim.
Palmer	Toxic childhood arguments link consumerism, screens and pressure to childhood difficulties.	Use to evidence or evaluate a claim.
Jenks	Childhood is surrounded by adult anxieties about risk and uncertainty.	Use to evidence or evaluate a claim.
Postmodern	Childhood identities and family practices are more diverse and media-saturated.	Use to compare explanations.
Conflict view	Risk and consumption are unequal because resources and supervision vary.	Use to compare explanations.
Personal life	Children make meanings through peer, digital and family relationships.	Use to compare explanations.