

The dinner tasted like  
cardboard

How do you know the food was  
disgusting?

A simile: a figure of speech in which one thing is likened to another

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In order to analyse this piece of text describe what cardboard is usually like

Dry; dull; inedible; one colour; tasteless; soggy when wet etc

Would you want to eat a dinner likened to cardboard?

No ... I hope not!

Make a POINT

Use some EVIDENCE to  
prove you are right

The writer describes the dinner as being unappetising because it, 'tasted like cardboard,' which suggests it is dry, dull and almost inedible.

ANALYSE the language carefully  
and precisely.

Now it's your turn and remember:

PEA

Point

Evidence

Analysis

rather than



The teacher hissed, 'Get your books out.'

How do you know the teacher was probably angry?

What animal usually hisses? When does it do this? Why does it do it?

Is a hiss loud or quiet? Which is more intimidating?

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Hamlet talks about a 'sea of troubles'.

Why doesn't Hamlet just say he's got 'a bit of bother'?

Is the sea big or small?

Hamlet talks about a 'sea of troubles'.

How deep is the sea?

If you are far out to sea in a ship what can you see on the horizon?

Now do the next two  
on your own ... or  
maybe discuss them  
with a partner.  
Remember: PEA

Be prepared to read  
your PEA paragraph  
to the class.

The small child's hair hung in  
rats' tails.

How do you know the small child  
is having a bad hair day?

The sun rose majestically  
above the sky scrapers.

Why is this better than 'the sun  
rose'?