# Reflective Writing 2 – Texts & Tasks

#### Slide 11

The ‘So what?’ paragraph below answers the following task:

‘**Reflect on your learning from the module in terms of its impact on future practice**’.

The learner is frustrated about the seeming lack of connection between theory and practice.

**Task: In groups, discuss possible counterarguments to the claims presented in this ‘So what?’ section of a reflective piece.**

As an apprentice working at the cutting edge of the industry, there is a limited amount I can learn from university modules. Soady (2024) demonstrates that seemingly current concepts in AI and Big Data can become obsolete within a few years and, as it takes roughly 6-12 months to publish a journal article (Seath, 2023) it is unlikely that my programme’s reading list will reflect the newest ideas in the field. My company aims to ‘lead the digital transformation in all its forms’ (Organisation x, 2024) and so has already implemented many of the technological processes explored in the module, with the remainder being unsuitable for our workplace, and therefore irrelevant for my future practice.

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**Task: Following on from the improved ‘So what?’ paragraph below, can your group create critical action points to implement for the ‘Now what?’ section?**

With aspects of AI and Big Data both evolving and growing obsolete so rapidly (Soady, 2024), apprentices must remain familiar with the newest research in the field. Most degree apprentices have reported finding it difficult to acquaint themselves with novel conceptual approaches during working hours (Perry, 2023) and so it is imperative to utilise self-study time to engage with the literature, especially as this has been shown to enhance the transferable skills of abstract reasoning and problem solving (Collins, 2023). While Organisation x has adopted many of the technological processes explored in the module (Wrigley, 2024), there is no guarantee that the company will retain market dominance in future, and so employees have the responsibility to upskill and be open to new approaches to ensure the company continues to ‘lead the digital transformation in all its forms’ (Organisation x, 2024).

#### Slide 22

**Task: Please share suggestions for how to either confirm or challenge the applicability of the theories below by reflecting on practice.**

**Confirming Theory:**

A hierarchical organisational structure has been shown to positively impact clarity of communication (Hodges, 2024) and employee productivity (Butler, 2023). **This can be seen in…**

**Challenging Theory:**

A hierarchical organisational structure has been shown to positively impact clarity of communication (Hodges, 2024) and employee productivity (Butler, 2023). **However…**

