

# N5 & HIGHER ENGLISH

UAE – WORD CHOICE QUESTIONS

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- The band of protesters moved through the city singing their appeals for change at passers-by.

# UAE Answer Technique

- The mob of protesters marauded through the city roaring their demands for change at passers-by.
- *How does the writer's use of word choice help us to understand her disapproval of the protesters?*
- **“demands”**
- **Connotations of an unreasonable requests.**
- **“mob”**
- **Connotations of a disorderly group.**

# UAE Answer Technique

- Quote one word.
- Connotations of...

Then check that you've answered the question.

National 5: quote + connotations = 2 marks

Higher : quote + connotations = 1 mark

# Spotting a word choice question

- Sometimes it's easy:

*How does the writer's word choice in paragraph 2 reveal his feelings about football?*

- But remember that word choice answers can also be useful for an 'open' language question:

*How does the writer's use of language in paragraph 2 reveal his feelings about football?*