

- 9 Rachel lives in an area that has a high incidence of criminal activity. Her older brother has frequently been in trouble with the police for anti-social behaviour and shoplifting. Rachel has recently spent the night at a police station for being drunk and disorderly.

Discuss self-fulfilling prophecy as an explanation of Rachel's anti-social behaviour. You must make reference to the context in your answer.

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~~As a~~ self-fulfilling prophecy is when people are labelled together based on a common interest or characteristic, ~~that is~~ and if that label is negative then ~~as~~ they may live up to it and fulfill the name.

As Rachel's older brother has had problems with the police people may label her and her brother/family as the same. Rachel may then live up to the stereotype at her label and display anti-social behaviour like her brother.

Another reason is that Rachel lives in a high crime area, as she is associated with living in this area she may give in and start acting out and committing crimes. However there are other explanations that could



explain Rachel's antisocial behaviour such as social learning theory. Rachel looks up to her brother or he may be her role model, she may pay attention to his antisocial behaviour and remember what he did and replicate it because she has the ability to ~~also~~.

~~AS Rachel~~

to conclude the self fulfilling prophecy can explain Rachel's antisocial behaviour but there are other theories like labelling theory which can explain that her being labelled with her brother caused her to act out the same ~~as~~ him.