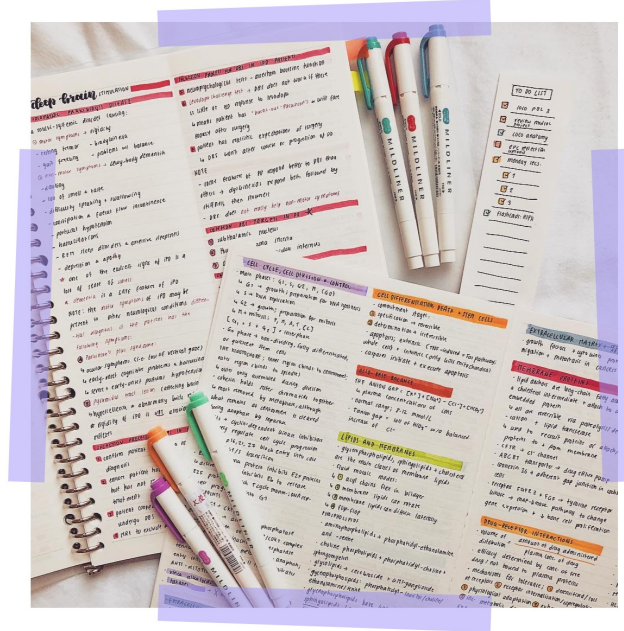


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Challenge: At present, what does revision look like to you? How do you do it?

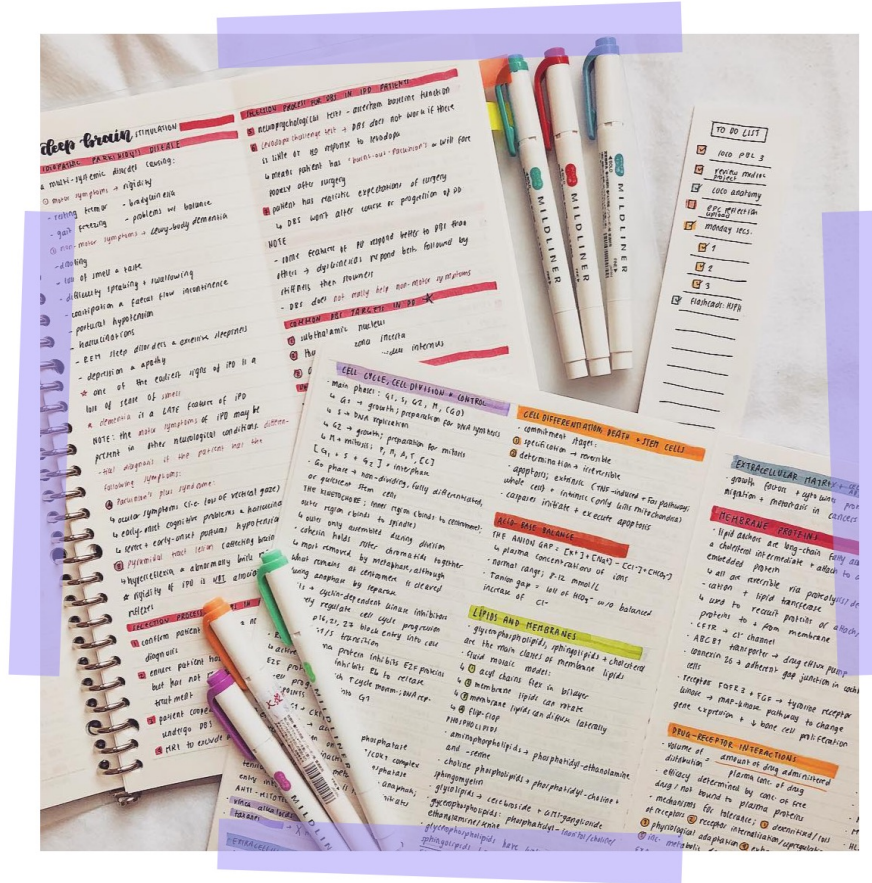
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Key words:

Retrieval: the process of getting something back from somewhere.

Revision: To review work done previously to improve one's knowledge of a subject, typically to prepare for an exam.



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- Revising for exams can feel like a daunting and overwhelming process. Juggling your time and knowing which subject to prioritise and when is a challenge.
- Revision is most successful when it's done consistently over a longer period as this embeds knowledge into your long-term memory. Cramming last minute revision in right before an exam can be ineffective and instead cause you to feel overwhelmed.
- Revision should be about establishing a positive routine that you can stick to in the lead up to exams.



Task: summarise what makes successful revision.

The Statistics

- 66% material is forgotten after 7 days
- 88% material is forgotten after 6 weeks

- Reading notes and textbooks leads to a mere 10% retention 😞

RULES OF REVISION

- ❖ Know your specification
- ❖ Be organised
- ❖ Make a timetable
- ❖ Don't take the easy option
- ❖ Know yourself as a learner

Know your specification

Before you start revising, it's really important that you know what your subject exams will look like. For Example; English

Exam Paper	What's in it?	What questions will I be asked?		How long is it?	How much is it worth?
English Literature Paper 1	<i>Macbeth</i> <i>A Christmas Carol</i>	Macbeth: extract + whole play essay question ACC: extract + whole play essay question		1 hour 45 minutes	64 marks 40% of English Literature GCSE
English Literature Paper 2	<i>An Inspector Calls</i> - Poetry Anthology - Unseen poetry	AIC: 1 essay question (choice of 2) Poetry: Compare 1 unseen poem to 1 studied Unseen poetry: 1 question on 1 unseen poem and 1 comparing 2 unseen poems		2 hours 15 minutes	96 marks 60% of English Literature GCSE
English Language Paper 1	- Reading (fiction) - Writing (descriptive or narrative writing)	Reading: 1 x 4 marks 2 x 8 marks 1 x 20 marks	Writing: 1 x extended writing	1 hour 45 minutes	80 marks 50% of English Language GCSE
English Language Paper 2	- Reading (non-fiction) - Writing (writing to present a viewpoint)	Reading: 1 x 4 marks 1 x 8 marks 1 x 12 marks 1 x 16 marks	Writing: 1 x extended writing	1 hour 45 minutes	80 marks 50% of English Language GCSE

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- + Year 8
- + Year 9
- ent/ + Year 10

Subject Name / Specification Title	Art and Design
Qualification Type	GCSE
Exam Board	OCR
Paper 1: Title	The exam questions/titles change every year. They have to choose a theme.
Paper 1: Duration and Marks Available	10 hours Marks available: 80.
Percentage Value of Test Paper to Qualification	40%
Paper 1: Topics Covered	Released by exam board in January each year. The topics covered for coursework are: Anatomy, Sealife or mechanical. We do not know the paper titles until they are released.

Subject Name / Specification Title	Biology Combined Science
Qualification Type	GCSE
Exam Board	AQA
Paper 1: Title	Biology Paper 1
Paper 1: Duration and Marks Available	75 minutes, 70 marks
Percentage Value of Test Paper to Qualification	16.7%
Paper 1: Topics Covered	Cell biology; organisation; infection and response and bioenergetics

Paper 2 Title	Biology Paper 2
Paper 2: Duration and Marks Available	75 minutes, 70 marks
Percentage Value of Test Paper 2 to Qualification	16.7
Paper 2: Topics Covered	Homeostasis and response; inheritance; variation and evolution; ecology and key ideas

Additional Information:	This is part of the science combined trilogy and is therefore combined with both chemistry and physics each with their own papers. Biology is the largest out of the 3 topics in Science and has the most information to learn.
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You need to know what is expected of you in each question, so you know how to get the best marks...

Mark schemes change depending on the subject that you are studying. Ensure that you are clear on assessment objectives.

AO1	• Have you showed you understand the question and the text? • Have you selected and used some good quotes? • Have you analysed the text well? • Does your answer directly answer the question?
AO2	• Have you identified literary techniques? (e.g. adjective, simile, dramatic irony, structure etc.) • Have you analysed their meaning and effect?
AO3	• Have you included some facts and analysis about context? • Are your context links relevant to the question? • Have you compared the texts (if you are required to)?
AO4	• SPAG • E.g. Have you used capital letters in the right places? Do your sentences make sense? Is your spelling and punctuation right?

Be Organised

- **Where?**

- Sit at a desk – somewhere designed for study

- **What?**

- Make task specific & realistic

- **How?**

- Like > Less favoured > Like

- **When?**

- Alert – times of the day...

- **Why?**

- Review

- **Filling System**

- **Notes**

- Less is more

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Make a timetable

- Know your topics and subtopics
- Plan when you are going to study
- Use short bursts
- Timetable in Exercise

Take time off on your timetable

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday	Sunday
Maths	English	History	Maths	English	History	Time Off
Maths	English	Geography	Maths	English	Geography	
French	History	Religious Studies	Music	Geography	Religious Studies	
Lunch						
Biology	Physics	Chemistry	Biology	Physics	Chemistry	Music
Biology	Physics	Chemistry	English	Maths	Maths	Religious Studies
English	Maths	English	Chemistry	Biology	Physics	French
Geography	Music	Time Off	French	History	Time Off	Review and Plan for Next Week

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Do not take the easy option and go over things that you already know.

This might make you feel better (*and boost your confidence*) but actually is of no benefit.



KNOW YOUR LEARNER

Visual



Posters
Mind maps
Post it notes
Note taking
YouTube clips
Colour coding
Timelines
Grids/Tables/Charts
Fact Lists
Facebook Profiles

Auditory



YouTube clips
Dictaphone
Discussions
Question/Answer sessions
Mnemonics
Revision songs/rhymes
TV Programmes
Revision Videos
Listening to music whilst
revising
Study Groups

Kinaesthetic



Note taking
Copying out notes
Games
Talking-Walking Study
Re-enactments
Trace words with finger
Doodling
Trips and Visits
Construct posters and other
revision resources

There is no set way to undertake revision. It is important that you trial a range of methods so you can learn what works best for you.

Task: Based on your experiences in school so far, do you think you are a visual, auditory or kinaesthetic learner? Explain why.

Stretch it: The right way is really important for successful revision. Choose one characteristic and explain why you would need to demonstrate it when revising.

What are some of the different revision resources?

Material that you create (on top of your class work) that will help you to learn and process what you need to do and remember when it comes to the exam.

Mind maps
with colour

Flash
cards

Audio
recordings

Fact-based
game

Post-it notes around
your room or house

Posters

Lists

Sticky notes

Write a song
or rhyme

Re-write
your notes

Timelines

Make yourself
a quiz

Diagrams and
visual clues

Cornell method

Practice answers

Planned
answers

Past Paper and Exam Questions is one of the most effective form of revision

Knowing the facts and remembering key points is only part of what is expected of you in an exam.

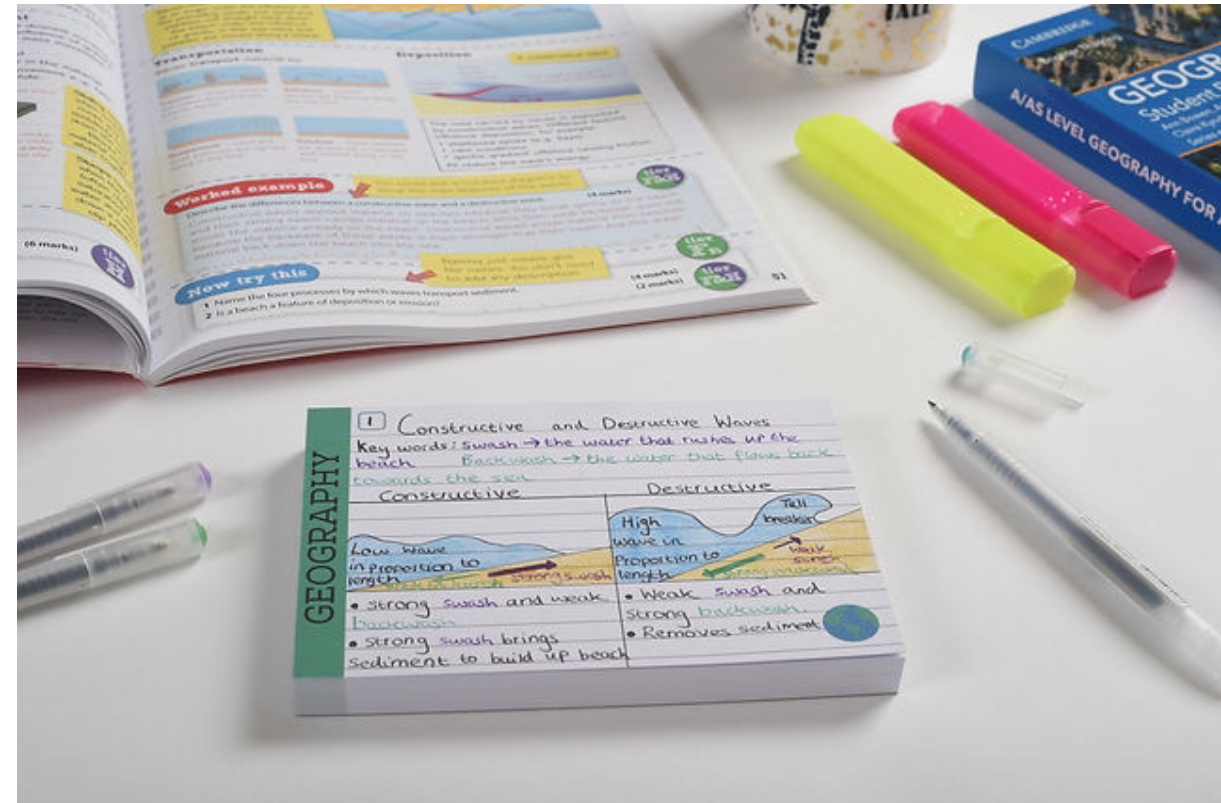
Doing practice questions and full past papers will help you to:

- Manage your time
- Practise how to write effective paragraphs
- Get used to writing a lot
- Make it feel less scary when you go into the actual exam

Your teachers will be happy to give feedback on any practice papers that you do!

Revision Cards

- Write a keyword on a card using your textbook for cues.
- Read the relevant part of the textbook.
- Come back to your cards and try to write notes on them (this tests your memory)
- You can then flick through the cards to help you remember.

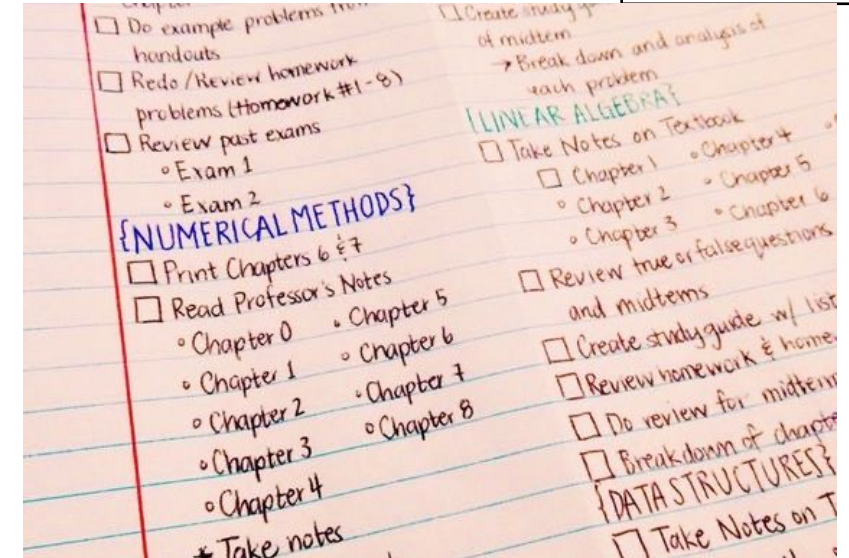


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Mind map or list it

Mind maps can be a very useful tool to improve memorisation, as they help you:

- Identify what is important to remember on a particular subject.
- Associate information, build links and connections.
- Visualise information.



Create a mind map with points elaborated and extended



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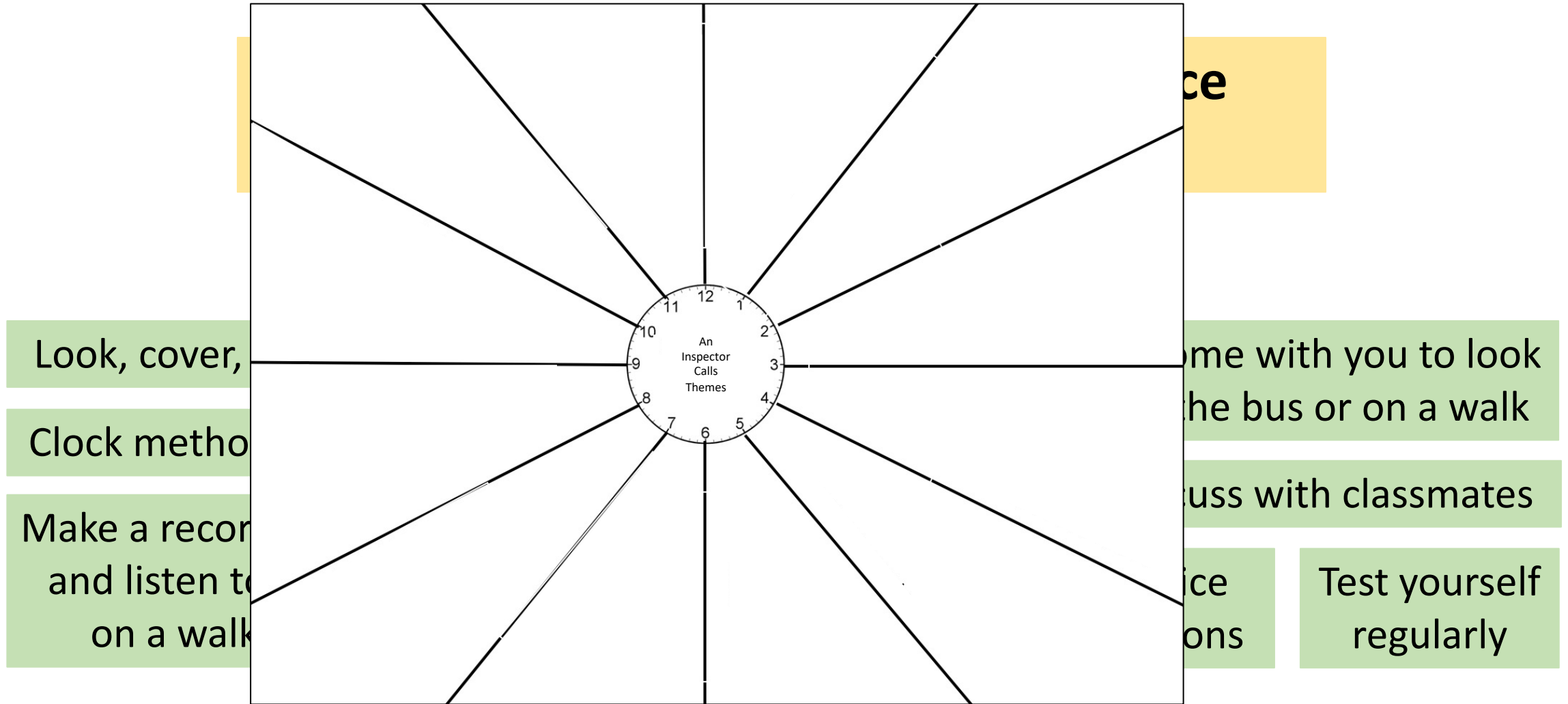
BRAIN DUMP

- Write down everything that you can remember about a topic
- Use a different colour pen and a textbook to fill in gaps with information missed or overlooked.



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If you can't explain it
simply, you don't
understand it well
enough.



Albert Einstein

German Theoretical Physicist
(1879-1955)

QuoteHD.com

Resources:

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TASK: What makes revision successful?

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