

## How to Revise

Developing effective revision techniques now, will help you with **all** your future exams. Try out a selection of these ideas and find out which work for you. Remember, simply reading through notes or a textbook rarely works well!

1. **Make your own revision notes from a textbook/revision guide.** The process of shortening information ensures you have gone through it a number of times. Only include essential words and phrases, not long sentences. Use colours, symbols and diagrams that will jog your memory in the exam.
2. **Memorise your notes.** *Look, cover, say, check.* Try to recall everything on your page by explaining it aloud, if you have to refer to your notes; check what you forgot and then start from the beginning again until you get it right!
3. **Make cue cards.** Cut up card into small pieces (or buy from WH Smiths etc.) put key concepts/words onto the cards. You can flick through these wherever you are and learn on the go.
4. **Test yourself.** Get someone to quiz you on your revision notes. Or if revising with friends, test each other game-show style. Thinking of the questions is also good revision.
5. **Make a concept map.** Like a big spider diagram, with key words linking different parts of your diagram. Try and fit a whole section of the topic on one page, when you know this map, you know the section!
6. **Stick posters of key ideas/words around your bedroom.** Make sure they are simple, clear and colourful and read through them every time you pass by. As you begin to know them by heart, replace with new ones.
7. **Apply your knowledge to past papers.** Download past papers or borrow from school. Attempt under exam conditions first. Then go through the answers. Look up and correct things you got wrong. If still unsure why your answer was wrong, ASK YOUR TEACHER TO EXPLAIN AGAIN!! Be aware of the number of marks available and write a sufficient amount.
8. **Use BBC Bitesize.** Work through the revision bites and attempt the test sections. Lots of simple explanations and helpful animations too.
9. **Use Get Revising.** This is a free website that helps you plan your revision and create revision resources. The website can be found at <http://getrevising.co.uk/>

### General Advice:

**DO NOT PANIC!!** You are not alone and you can do it! Many people are available to help. Give yourself plenty of time and revise topics one section at a time and it will all 'go in'.

Revise in short sessions of about 30-45mins (NOT in front of the T.V.) taking a short break in between. Reward yourself when a section is complete.

Avoid wasting time making a 'beautiful, colour-coordinated revision schedule', this time is better spent on actual revision rather than planning to revise!