

Revision Strategies

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Flashcards

For key information and facts. You can carry them around with you and test yourself anywhere.

Use it to remind and test yourself on: spellings lists, a sequence of simple events.

Read-Cover-Recall-Check

Read the information you want to remember. Cover it up, write out what you remember. Check to see how much you forgot.

Use it to test yourself on: spellings, lists, a sequence of simple events.

Online quizzes or revision guide exam questions

Answer the questions, note down your score, revise the topic some more, have another go at the questions later. Did you improve?

Use it to test yourself on: simple scientific facts and processes.

Make a card sort

Make a set of cards that you can cut out, mix up and match.

Use them: when you need to remember pieces of information that go together.

Key word cards

Include definitions on the back. You can test yourself on the definitions, sort them into scientifically relevant categories, put them into a sequence.

Describe or explain a process/scenario to someone who does not know it or a classmate

They can ask questions to fill in any gaps you missed and if they are also revising it may help them understand the work better.

Use it when: explaining a series of events or a process that has some detail.

Graphic organisers

Decide if you are describing, analysing parts, comparing, analysing cause and effect, predicting or evaluating and display your arguments in a graphic organiser.

Use it to: look at topics in more detail.

Mind maps

Start with a central theme and organise the information from it, grouped into subtopics. Label the branches with the relationships.

Use it to: summarise a whole topic after revising it in detail. Only put in the key words, everything else should come to mind when you read it.

Past exam questions and analysis

Complete some past exam questions. Mark your answers. Fill in the answers you missed. Go through the paper and colour code each topic (Red: need to revise; Amber: need to go over a few bits again; Green: I've got it)

Use it to: test your ability to recall the information you have revised, to answer the question asked, not just write down everything you know, to follow the **command words** in an exam.

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