

Revision Cracked

*Essential Guide to Revision
'Doing your revision'*



Using this Power Point

Do

Flick through to see what each section is about

Try new ideas that appeal to you and don't be afraid to try new methods

Add any new ideas you have for revising

Start thinking of areas you would like help in revising



Don't

Stop using any of your own methods if they have worked in the past

Read this from start to finish



Doing your revision

Active or Passive??

- Active revision involves using your hands, eyes and ears in a variety of ways. Revising actively is the best way to make sense of the material.
- Active methods of revision include: writing revision notes, reading notes aloud, recording key points on your phone, discussing topics with friends, testing yourself, getting others to test you, rewriting notes, doing examples, trying past papers and using revision websites.
- **PASSEIVELY READING THROUGH NOTES AND BOOKS IS A POOR METHOD OF REVISION.** It doesn't support your learning or retention It is just boring.

Revise with an Exam in Mind

- Get hold of the exam board specification. You can use this as a basis for revision.
- For each subject make sure you know how many papers you have to take, how many questions you have to answer, what choice of questions you have and how long the exam is.
- Revision is not merely about learning facts and information. Vital that you are able to use this knowledge to answer questions.
- When working through test papers you can write complete answers or outline answers using revision cards or notes. Outline answers = main ideas & points. Good way to practice essay styles questions.

- Some of your revision times should be devoted to practicing under exam conditions. This means putting away books and turning music off. Try out sample questions as if it was a real exam and see how you do. Get used to working at a high speed for long periods of time because that's what an exam is like. The more you do the better you will be at them.
- Try having at least one session which goes non stop for the full exam time. As the exam gets closer try out more sample questions under exam conditions.
- You will face different types of exam questions for each subject. You should try to adjust your revision to the subject and the types of questions you will face.
- Keep focussed on possible exam questions.

Writing Traditional Revision Notes

- Choose a topic or part of a topic you want to revise. Look at 'Bite – Size' chunks of work and don't try working with too large a topic at once.
- Read through the notes you have on that topic, this may include your books, folders, textbooks and revision guides. As you read ask yourself 'do I understand this?'
- When you feel you understand go back pick out key words and phrases that trigger your memory. Note these down for future use.

Pay Attention to these points:

1. Use your own words
2. Make sure notes are well spaced out (don't cram)
3. Use large writing and even better capital letters
4. Make them interesting; use colours, boxes, circles, underlining, abbreviations and so on.

Making Revision Cards

- Can be purchased from any supermarket or stationary shop.
- Due to small size they can be carried around easily and used wherever and whenever needed. Only contain a small amount of information which means you wont be overwhelmed.

Pay attention to the following:

1. Always draw a margin incase you need to make extra notes.
2. Always write the subject in top right hand corner.
3. Always have a title.
4. Develop your own method of numbering cards.
5. Cards covering the same subject or topic need to be kept together.



Creating Patterned Notes

- Sometimes this can be more interesting to do. Good at giving you an overall view of a topic.
- Also known as: spider diagrams, brainstorm, learning maps or concept maps.

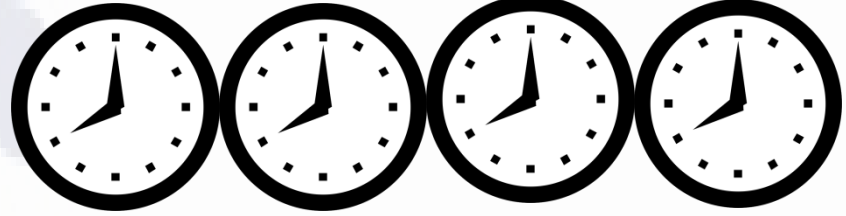
To do this:

1. Write the main topic in the middle of the page.
2. For each key point draw a branch out.
3. Place key word or phrase on each branch.
4. Build out further branches and add detail.

Task: try adding connections, be creative and personalise your work so it best suits and reflects you.

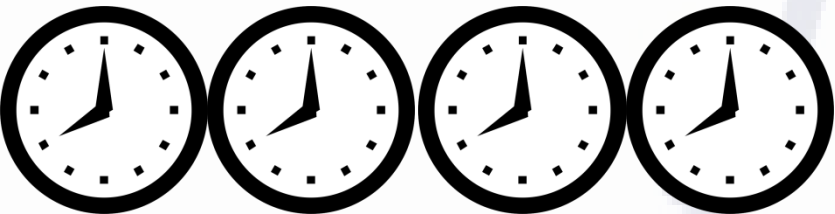
Using Your Revision Notes

- Choose a topic and find your revision notes.
- Read and try and recreate the whole topic in your mind.
- Place the notes face down and write out, or redraw what you can remember.
- Compare the one you have written with the original.
- If you have left out key parts test yourself again.



During Spare Moments

- Carry revision cards with you.
- Use all your spare time to check them, on the bus, during break or lunch, odd spare moments at home.
- After reading try and recall the information in your head.
- Ask friends, parents, siblings or anyone who is willing to test you.



MORE IDEAS!!



Lets get together

- Take advantage of revision sessions. Teachers are the best aid you have ! Listen to their advice and ask plenty of questions.
- Organise quizzes with friends. Before you get together organise 5 questions to ask one another.
- If you are revising with friends organise and decide what you want to cover beforehand this will save forgetting things you mat need.

Terrific Technology

- Use the revision website suggested by teachers. Or just look on 'google' for revision of a chosen subject.
- You can find anything on the net, from online lessons, topic videos, working through past papers, exam technique and revision planning.

Why Not Try:

1. Recording yourself reading through notes on your phone.
2. Listen back to any given topic through your phone whenever you get the chance.





Testing, Testing and More Testing

- Test yourself regularly.
- Try memorising definitions, quotations and formulae before you go to sleep. Then straight away when you wake up.
- When faced with a foreign language try the following:
 1. Learn the first few words till you can write from memory.
 2. Gradually add more words till you can recall all from memory.
- Use your fingers on hands to commit to each word.



Something Different



- Write key points on post it notes and stick them around your house. When you walk around your house take a few minutes to read them.
- Write GIANT notes and stick them on your walls in your bedroom (in a safe way as to not damage the walls).
- When working through past papers work from the back to the front.