

# Techniques

Revision can be a daunting and boring prospect with uncertainty as to whether their method of revision is effective.



Here are 10 research informed revision strategies proven to work.

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## *10 strategies to help you do revision that works*

### **Strategy 1**

When you answer a question, develop your answer by thinking about ‘**why?**’ For example:

- In science, increasing the temperature can increase the rate of a chemical reaction....why?
- In history, the 1929 American stock exchange collapsed. This supported Hitler’s rise to power....why?

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### **Strategy 2**

Keep testing yourself in the way that you will be tested – so do lots and lots of past exam papers and/or get someone to ask you questions.

This is far more effective than just reading through/highlighting your notes.

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### **Strategy 3**

Read a section of your exercise book (or revision guide) and write a summary of the key points (without looking back).

Then go back and check for accuracy.

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### **Strategy 4**

Use acronyms to help remember 'lists' of things e.g. colours in the spectrum ROYGBIV (red, orange, yellow, green, blue, indigo, violet)

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### **Strategy 5**

Plan your revision schedule, so that you keep coming back to topics – don't just do them once and think that's OK!

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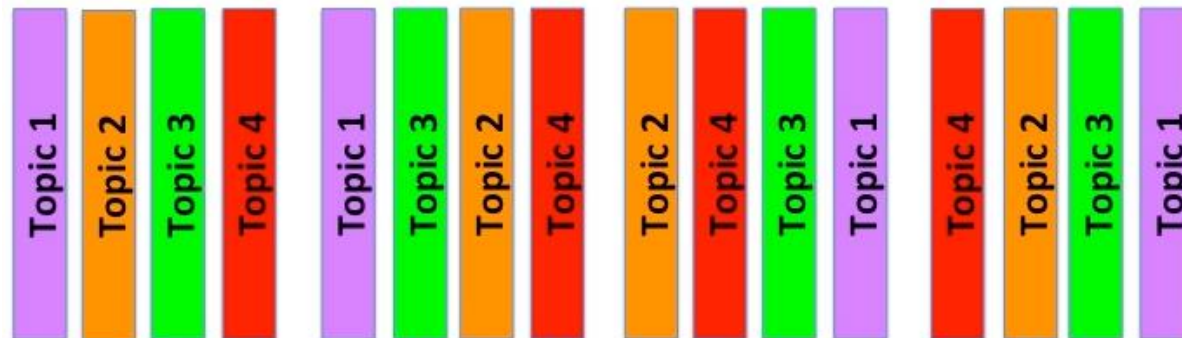
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### Strategy 6

Interleave your revision topics. So instead of revising like this:



**Revise your topics like this instead:**



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### **Strategy 7**

Read a section of your exercise book (or revision guide) and then put the information into a different format e.g. list, table, spidergram etc.



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### **Strategy 8**

Once you have revised a topic, explain it to another person and ask them to ask you sensible questions about it e.g. 'Why is that then?'

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### **Strategy 9**

Revise a topic until you think you know it...but then keep going with it (as you probably don't know it as well as you think!)

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### Strategy 10

Use flashcards to help you remember key ideas.

A flashcard has a question on one side and the answer on the other side – so it's a great way of testing your key knowledge.



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