



REVISION TIPS AND TECHNIQUES

Informative tips and techniques on how to revise successfully.

Create a revision timetable.



REVISION



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Don't Panic!



- ▣ It's nearly exam time and you know what you need to do.....
- ▣ Here are some useful tips and techniques to help you get through the ordeal!





What *NOT* to do!!!

- ▣ Do NOT leave revision until the last minute!
- ▣ You can NOT learn everything you need to know, by only cramming the night before!
- ▣ Your memory won't cope and you will just get stressed and panic.....that won't help!
- ▣ If you have 2 exams on the same day....what will you do then??



It's life....but not as you know it!!

- ▣ Life will NOT seem '*normal*' during exams.
- ▣ The exams are *crucial* and could make a *HUGE* difference to your future.
- ▣ Be prepared to make some *sacrifices*...the parties can wait!! You have all Summer to to party.....
- ▣ These next few weeks matter.....your future depends on it!





Think Positive!



- Don't be hard on yourself.
- Don't tell yourself, “ *I can't do this.*”
- *DO* tell yourself, “ *I AM going to do this and be the best that I can be.*”

positive thoughts
generate
positive feelings
and attract
positive life
experiences





Give yourself a 'head start'



- ▣ *Come to school!*
- ▣ *Attend all lessons and pay attention in class.*
- ▣ *Complete all work and homework.*
- ▣ *Get all coursework in on time.*
- ▣ *Know what your TARGET grades/levels are.*
- ▣ *Ask your teacher for advice on how to achieve your targets and be determined to succeed!*
- ▣ *Attend ALL after school revision sessions.*



Plan ahead!

What's
the
plan?

- ▣ Find out your exam dates and then draw up a weekly revision timetable.
- ▣ Be specific....*E.G.* don't just write 'Maths.'
- ▣ Instead, write 'Maths Area and Volume of shapes.'
- ▣ Create a thorough timetable. Make sure ALL areas of EVERY subject are covered.
- ▣ Include school, after school, revision slots for week days and weekends.
- ▣ Include periods where you can relax too!
- ▣ ***DRAW UP A TIMETABLE AND STICK TO IT!!***

Here is an example for you...

	MON	TUES	WEDS	THURS	FRI	SAT	SUN
Morning	SCHOOL	SCHOOL	SCHOOL	SCHOOL	SCHOOL	HIST - WW2	FRENCH - Revise past and future tenses
Afternoon	SCHOOL After school Geog. revision class	SCHOOL After school Maths revision class	SCHOOL After school English Lit class	SCHOOL After school Physics revision class	SCHOOL	RELAX	RECAP - WW2
Evening	MATHS - algebra	ENG LIT - poems	BIOL - nerves	RECAP - algebra - poems	CHEM - salt	RECAP - nerves - salt	RELAX

Spend time making a thorough revision timetable and **STICK TO IT**



Prepare to be prepared!



- ▣ Revise in a quiet place. Close the door and ban all family and friends from disturbing you!
- ▣ NO music!
- ▣ NO television!
- ▣ NO mobile phone!
- ▣ NO Facebook or social media!
- ▣ These are ALL distractions.
- ▣ You **MUST** have complete quiet to concentrate properly and successfully revise.



How long should I revise for?...

- ▣ Revise in 30 minute slots and build in 5-10 minute breaks.
- ▣ Every 2 hours take a longer break.
- ▣ During breaks, move away from your revision area.
- ▣ Have a walk round the garden, chat to a friend, have a drink, listen to music.
- ▣ Rest your brain – it deserves 5-10 minutes off!!





More of what *NOT* to do!

- ▣ Don't revise your favourite subject only!
- ▣ DO revise the subjects and areas you are finding difficult!
- ▣ Exam papers will cover everything...
- ▣ **BE PREPARED!!**
- ▣ Don't simply read through your notes. This is NOT revision!





How do I revise?



- ❑ Just reading through your notes and text books will not be enough!
- ❑ Very few people have a ‘photographic’ memory!
- ❑ On the next few slides we will look at other revision techniques, which will help you.
- ❑ Everyone has their own learning style, so choose the method that will suit you best!



Read, write, cover, check..

- ▣ Read a paragraph on a specific subject area.
- ▣ Write notes on what you have read.
- ▣ Cover up your notes...
- ▣ Can you remember what you wrote?
- ▣ Repeat as necessary...
- ▣ **Read...write...cover....recall....**





Keywords



- ▣ Learn the keywords for each subject and area of study.
- ▣ Know how to spell them correctly and learn the definitions.
- ▣ Use these keywords when answering exam questions....they are worth marks!
- ▣ **Look...cover...write and spell....define...**



Post - it notes



- ▣ Write quotes, keywords, facts etc. on post – it notes.
- ▣ Stick them around the house.....everywhere!!
- ▣ Choose places you go to in the house on a regular basis..
- ▣ Wardrobe...
- ▣ Bedroom mirror...
- ▣ Fridge door...
- ▣ Front door...
- ▣ Toilet!
- ▣ **EVERYWHERE!!**





Flashcards



- ❑ Make yourself a set of cards, or buy some blank postcards.
- ❑ Write a keyword/prompt on the front of the card and information on the back.
- ❑ Carry them with you everywhere you go!
- ❑ Revision on the go!
- ❑ Get people to test you!
- ❑ ***“ Pick a card, any card....”***

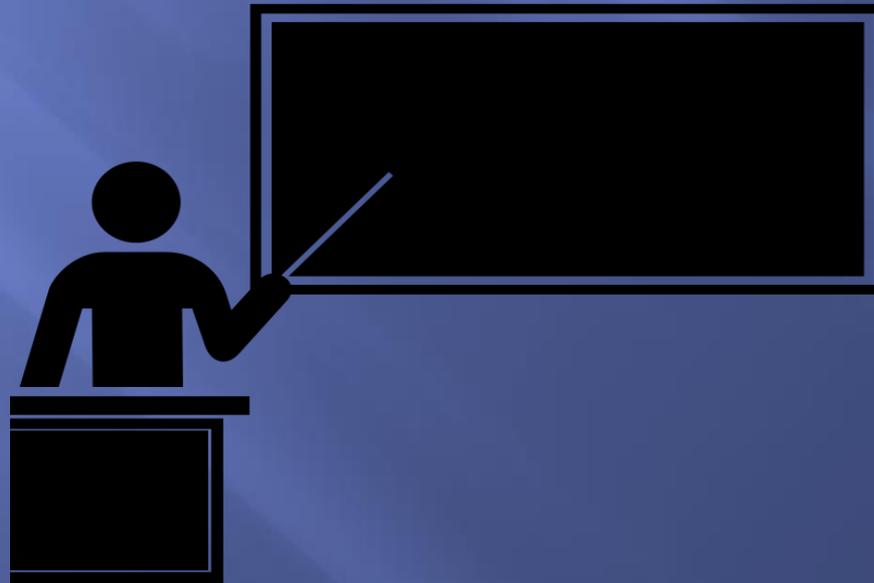


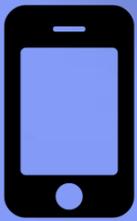


Be the teacher!



- ▣ Once you have revised a topic and feel confident with the knowledge, become the teacher!
- ▣ Teach the topic to someone else!





Recordings



- ▣ Record your revision notes onto your mobile phone.
- ▣ Listen to them at night or when you wake up.
- ▣ Listen to them on the bus or on the way to and from school.
- ▣ Listen to them anywhere!





Singing revision!



- ▣ If you are into Music (which most teenagers are!) and are good at remembering song lyrics....
- ▣ Set your revision notes to fit the tune of your favourite songs.
- ▣ Sing your way to success!





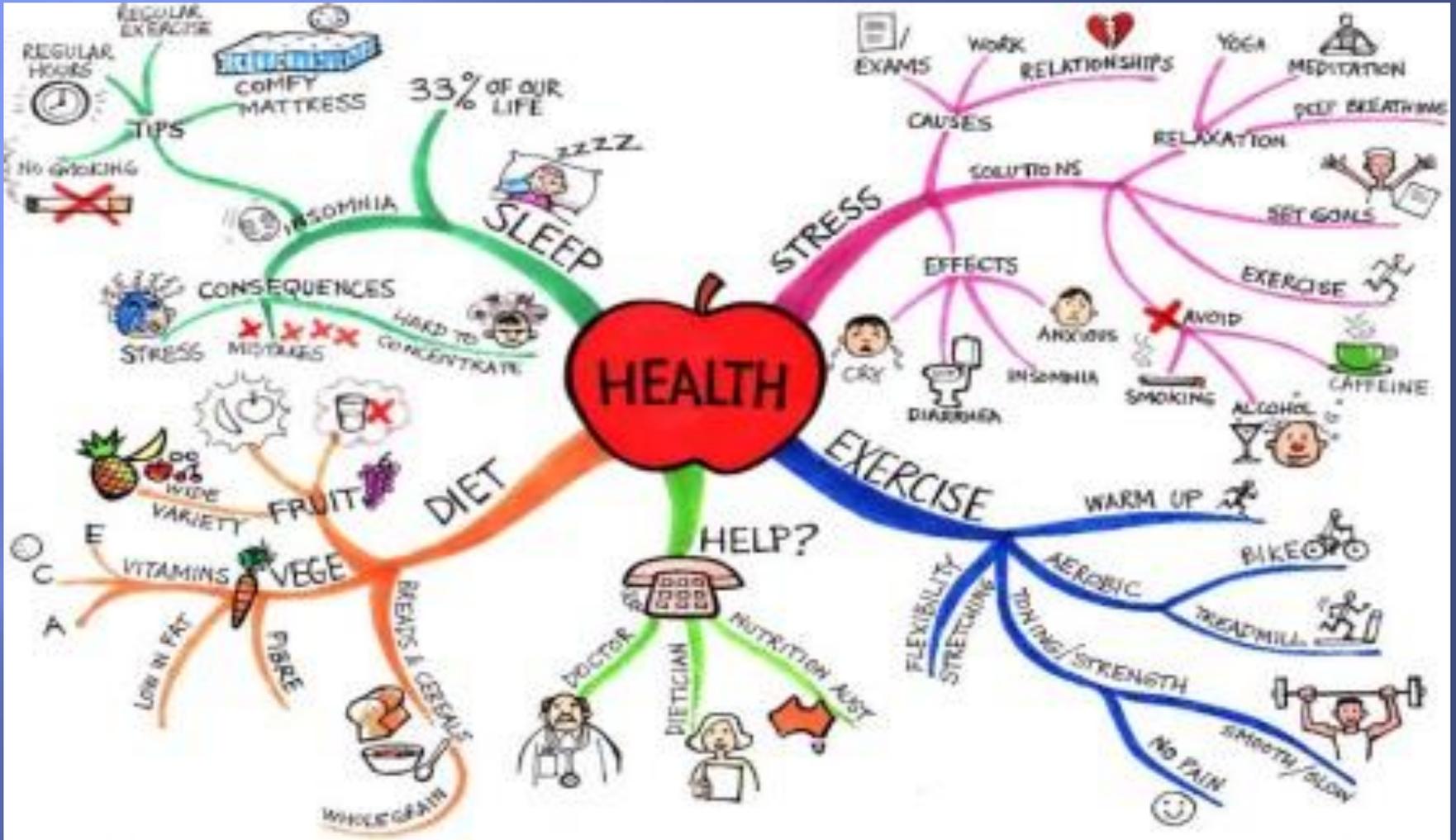
Mnemonics



- Good for remembering words...
- **B**ig
- **E**lephants
- **C**an
- **A**lways
- **U**nderstand
- **S**mall
- **E**lephants
- Good for tricky words to remember spellings....
- **R**hythm
- **H**elps
- **Y**our
- **T**ired
- **H**ips
- **M**ove

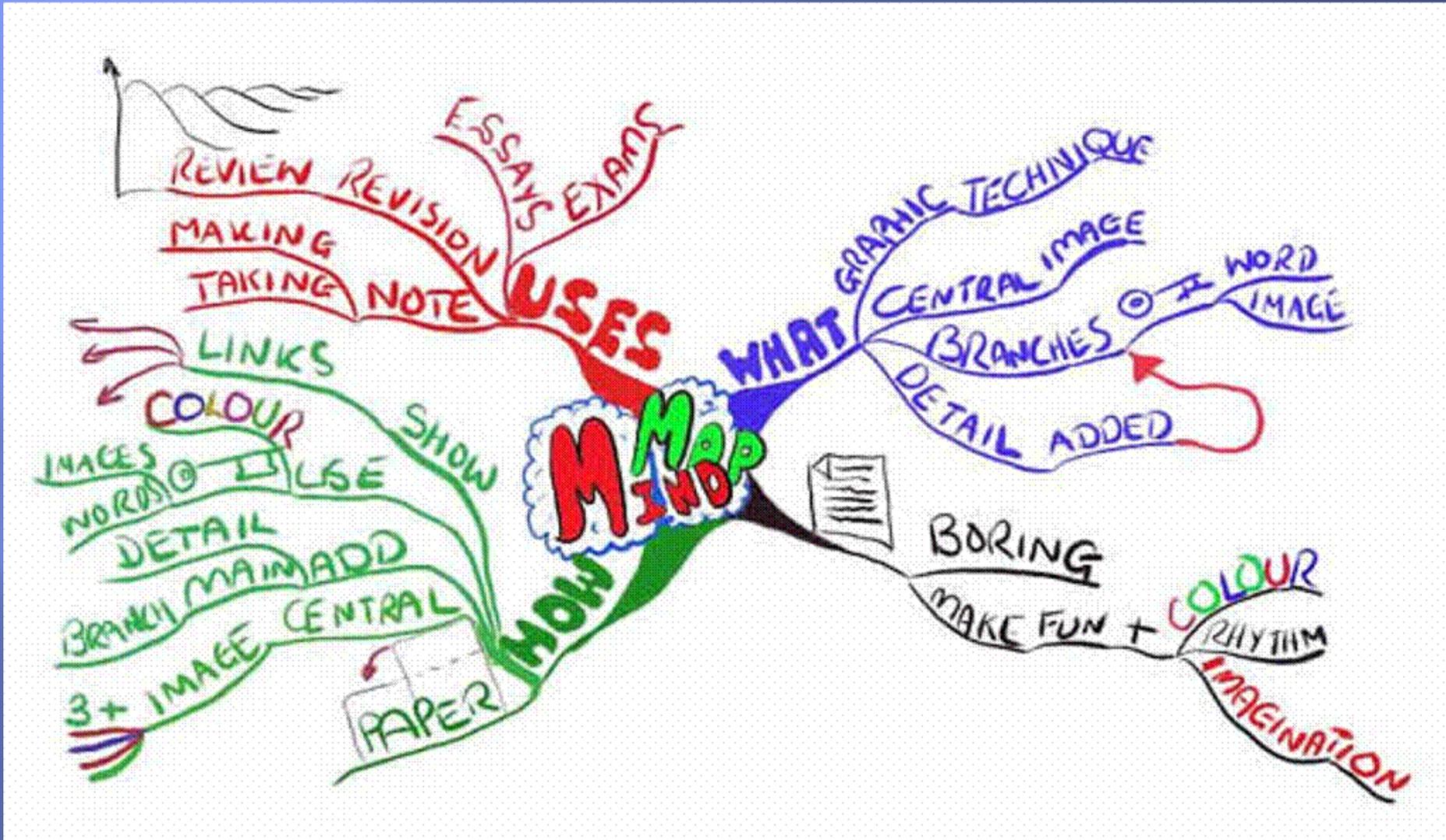


Mindmap





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Revision websites



- ▣ There are lots of websites that can help you revise for your exams.
- ▣ An example of a website is '*GCSE Bitesize.*'
- ▣ *Ask your teachers to recommend other websites to help you revise specific subjects.*





Past Exam Papers



- ❑ Completing past exam papers is a fantastic way to revise and prepare yourself for what to expect.
- ❑ Ask your teachers to give you copies of past papers, to complete at home.
- ❑ Your teachers will be happy to assist and will mark them for you.
- ❑ This is a great way to see how well you are doing and also see where else you would need to improve, to get more exam marks!



WHAT ARE YOU WAITING FOR?

Make
your
Dreams
Happen

BELIEVE
YOU CAN
..... AND YOU
Will

YOU DON'T
WANT TO
LOOK BACK
AND KNOW
YOU COULD'VE
DONE BETTER.

PUSH YOURSELF
BECAUSE, NO ONE
ELSE IS GOING
TO DO IT FOR YOU.

The secret
to getting
ahead is
getting
started