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Top Tips for Revision

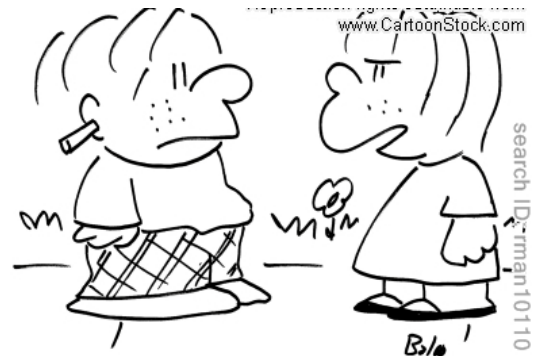
What is good revision?



- Going over the work you've done in class and learning it.
- Try to understand what you are learning – simply memorising it will be difficult
- You will only remember 2 words of every 10 you read – passive reading isn't revision!
- You will remember 8 words of every 10 you write down!

Revision - Getting started...

1. Choose a quiet place to study.
2. Eat well and get plenty of sleep – before and during the exams.
3. Don't get distracted – no TV or X box while you're revising...
4. Pace yourself – start revising early and don't cram it all in at the last minute!
5. Produce a revision timetable!



"You have to study for tests, dummy – you can't just put a memory stick in your ear!"

A Revision Timetable

- It's Vital!
- Plan what you are going to do and for how long – stick to it!
- Take breaks
- Include your other commitments ie sport/time with friends
- Revise in chunks – your brain responds better
- Give someone at home a copy and ask them to help you stay focused.

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How to Revise Successfully...

Research shows that boys revise better when they use short notes, diagrams and colour!

Don't panic and stay positive...

1. Identify **what you need to learn** – topics/key information (your teachers will tell you this...)
2. Break down topics into **small chunks** – this will make them easier to remember.
3. **Read** through your class notes/handouts/textbooks/consult good websites then...
 - a. Make **short notes** on flash cards or 'post its'.
 - b. Draw spider **diagrams**/mind maps/flow diagrams.
 - c. Use **colour/symbols** to highlight key words.
 - d. Number points so that you can **easily remember** how many there are.
 - e. Use a **mnemonic** – use the first letter of each of your points to make up a word/sentence you will easily remember.
4. Once you've made notes – take a break. **Go back to your notes** later and see if you can rewrite them / redraw the diagram /remember the points (look/say/cover/check)
5. **Repeat this process** until you've learned the key information for each topic.

Checking your learning...

1. Test yourself – complete exam style questions.
2. At home, complete a past paper under exam conditions.
3. Get someone at home to ask you questions.
4. Revise with a friend – test each other – check your understanding.

