

40 Different Ways To Revise

40 Methods To Freshen Up Your Revision!

1. Making Notes (10 methods)
2. Testing (6 methods)
3. Tackling Questions (7 methods)
4. They Just Keep On Coming... (17 methods)

1. Making Notes

- ✓ Write key points on flashcards or A4 paper.
- ✓ Create visual notes such as patterned notes, spider diagrams or mind maps.
- ✓ Write questions on one side of flashcards and give the answer on the other side.
- ✓ Compare your flashcards to revision guides.
- ✓ Read your flashcards aloud.
- ✓ Get others to read your flashcards aloud to you.
- ✓ Rewrite your flashcards using different words and layout.
- ✓ Record key facts on your phone.
- ✓ Practise drawing and labelling diagrams without looking at your notes.
- ✓ Make master summary notes by condensing your flashcards.

2. Testing

- ✓ Test yourself - read, cover up, write, check what you've written.
- ✓ Test yourself - read, cover up, visualize, check what you were imagining.
- ✓ Get others to test you - question, answer verbally, check.
- ✓ Get others to test you - question, write it down, check what you've written.
- ✓ Test yourself last thing at night, sleep, test yourself when you wake up.
- ✓ Walk around the room when testing yourself.

3. Tackling Questions

- ✓ Do past exam questions using your flashcards.
- ✓ Do past exam papers under exam conditions.
- ✓ Tackle past exam questions giving yourself a time limit.
- ✓ Work through examples from textbooks.
- ✓ For essay questions practise doing rough outline answers or plans.
- ✓ Think up your own exam-type questions to practice on.
- ✓ Try past exam questions and compare to model answers.

4. They Just Keep On Coming...

- ✓ Try to explain a topic to a friend.
- ✓ Teach a topic to a parent.
- ✓ Team up with a few friends to form a revision group.
- ✓ Write a quiz for a friend and get them to write one for you.
- ✓ Use interactive revision websites, apps and revision books.
- ✓ Bring to life people/characters studied in History and English Literature by imagining what it would be like to meet them.
- ✓ Break down large topics into smaller sub-topics before you revise them.
- ✓ Break down long definitions and quotes into short chunks before memorizing them.
- ✓ Draw pictures to memorize dates and foreign language vocabulary.
- ✓ Use mnemonics, eg for compass directions Never Eat Shredded Wheat.
- ✓ When memorizing a list of points use your fingers to count off each one.
- ✓ Write facts on large sheets of paper and stick to bedroom walls/ceiling.
- ✓ Memorize key facts again and again and again and again.....
- ✓ Make odd links between facts to help you remember them.
- ✓ Stick `post-its' on the fridge, on the inside of the toilet door, mirror etc.
- ✓ Make up your own stories, rhymes and songs.
- ✓ TAKE A BREAK - YOU DESERVE IT!

If you've used a revision method not listed here, I'd love to hear about it!

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