

This is not

REVISION

Remove End of Year Test Week: 5th to 9th June, 2023

GCSEs are

10 (or so) 2-Year Projects that
end on a *specific* day and lead to a *specific*
set of numbers

Next summer?

This January?

How prepared will you be on 5th June?

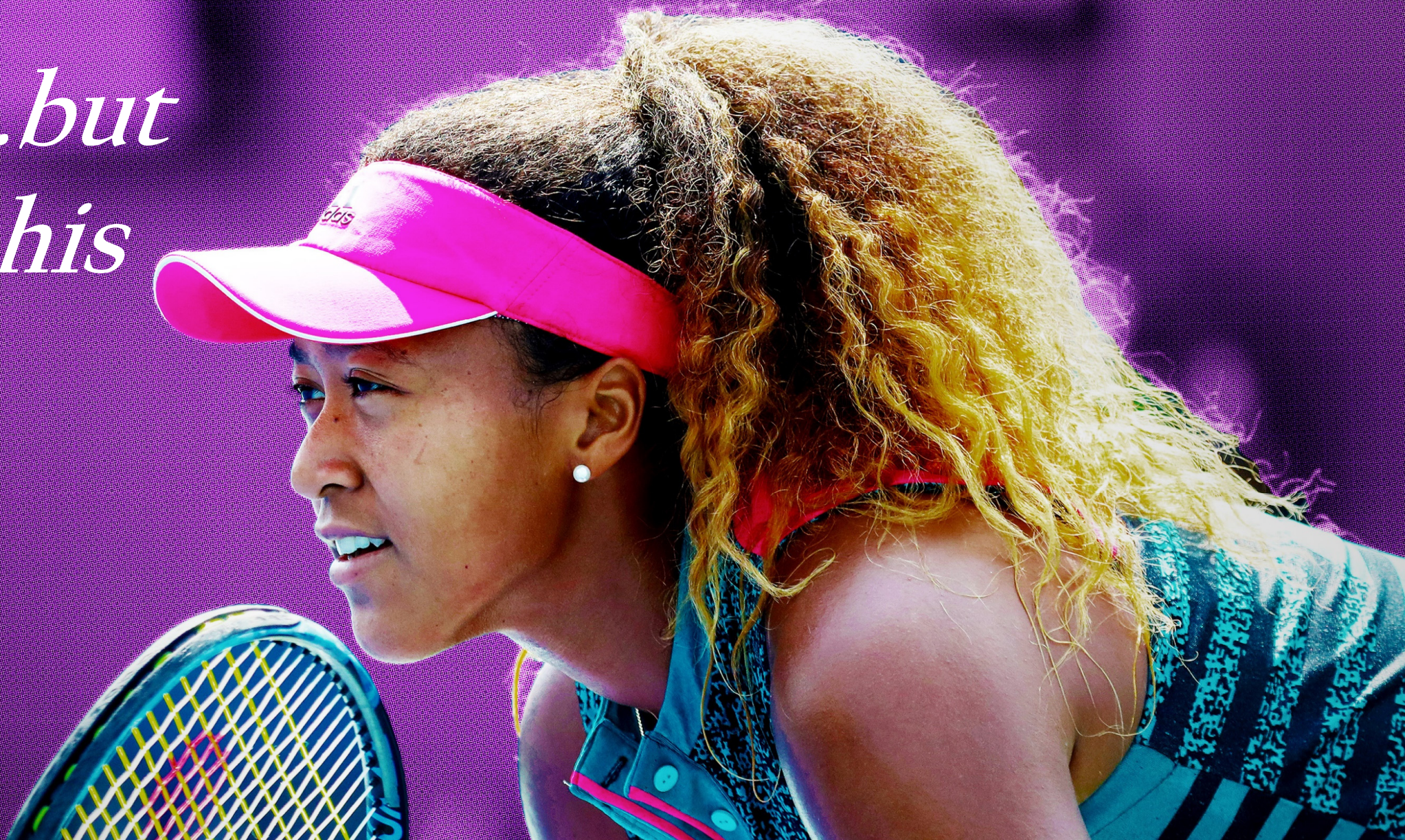
How prepared are you now?

What is your test week objective?

*Not
necessarily
this...*



*...but
this*



This is not

REVISIONING



A little too familiar...

I know how
to revise.
And its not
that
important.

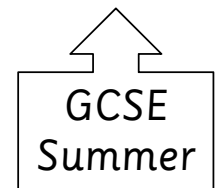
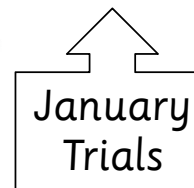
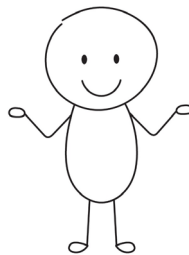
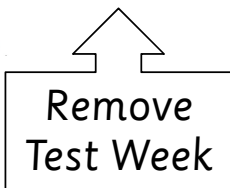
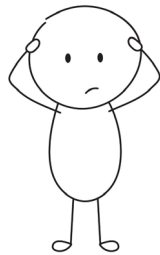
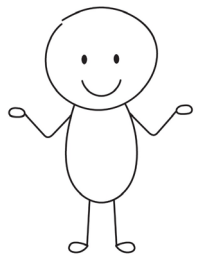
I didn't
do as
well as
I
should
have.

I will revise
when it
counts.
And I have
plenty of
time.

I know
how to
revise. I
have
time.
And its
just a
mock!

I didn't
do as
well as
I
should
have.

Aah! So
little time.
Do I know
how to
revise? And
how do I
fit this all
in now?!



(Based on a few true stories)



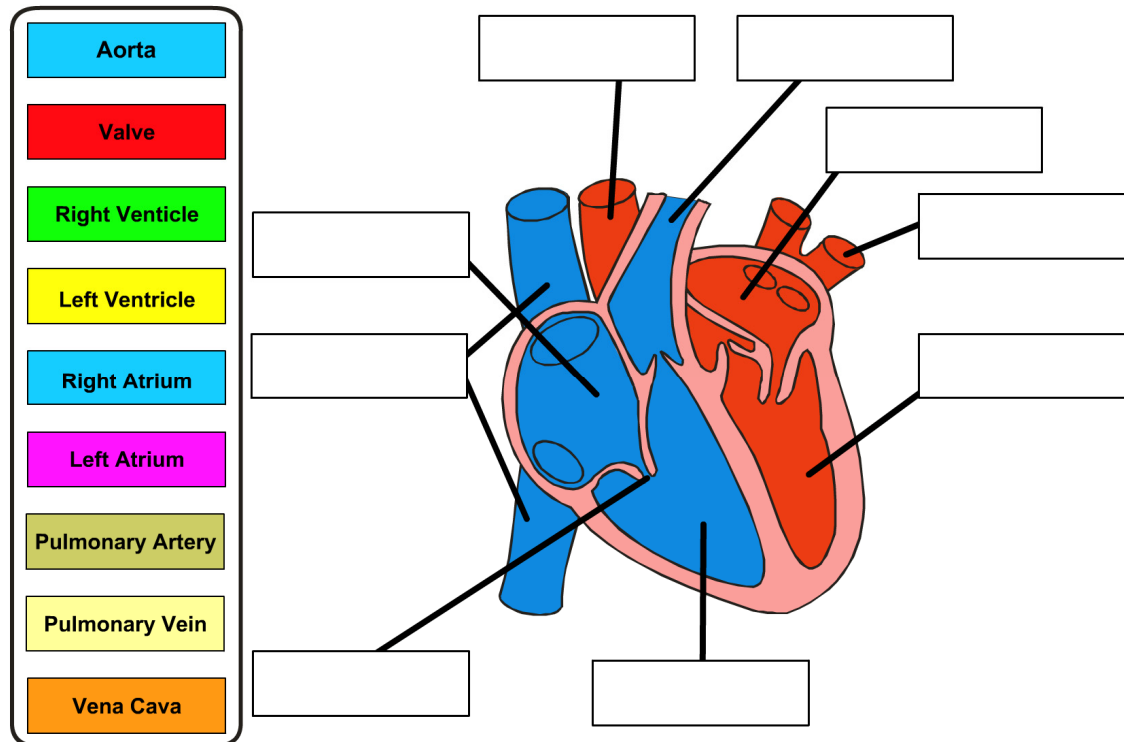
key questions
areas of improvement
intervention points

to keep in mind over the next year

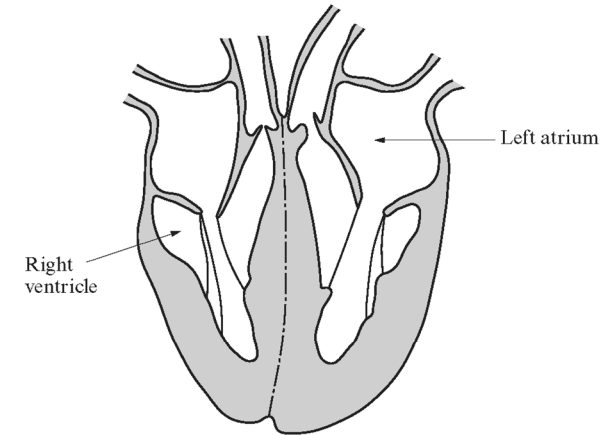
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What to train?

RECOGNITION vs RECALL



The diagram shows the human heart in section.

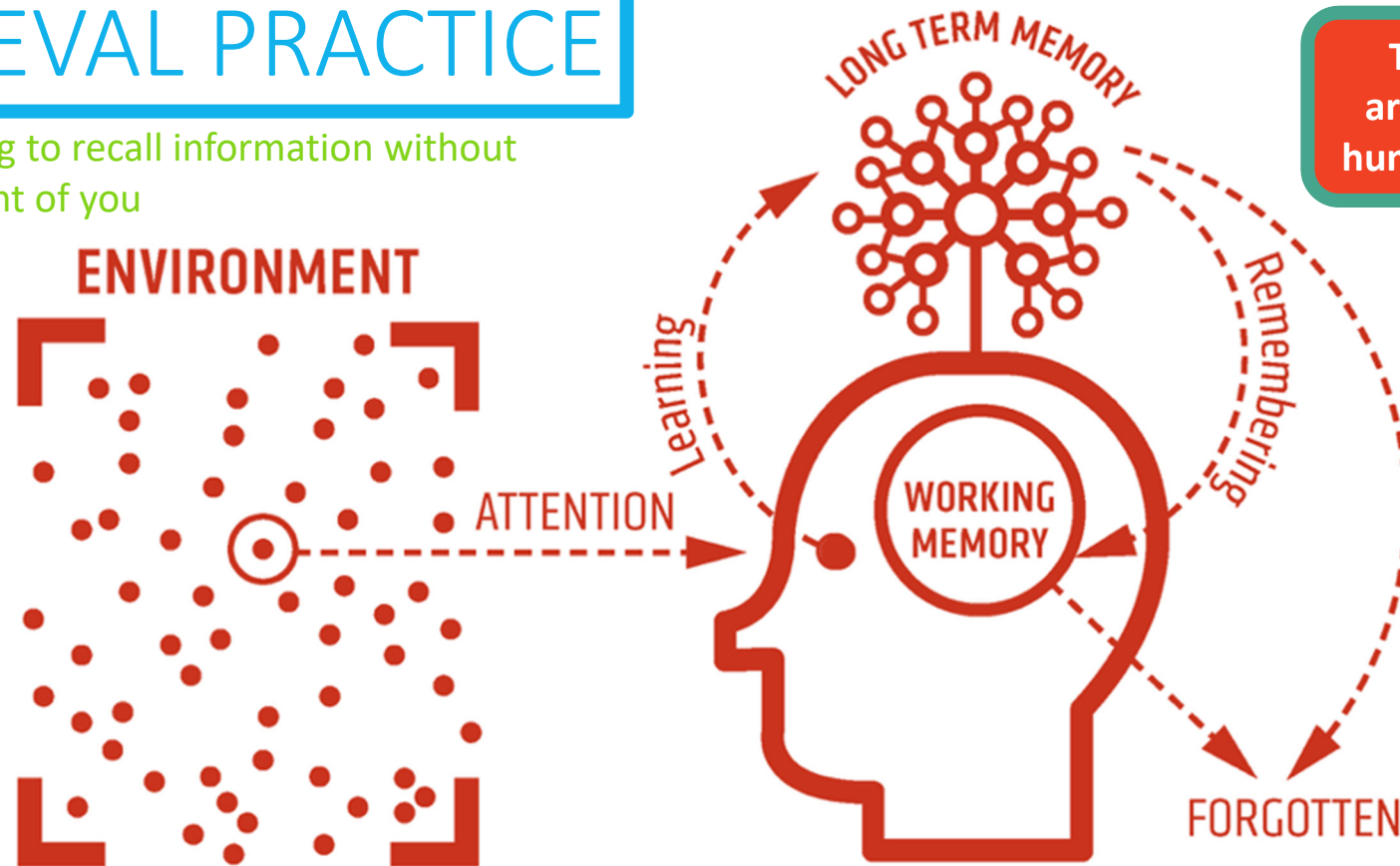


Describe and explain how blood in the right ventricle travels to the left atrium. [6 QWC]

Recalling knowledge is more challenging than recognising information – but this is what will make you successful in an exam.

RETRIEVAL PRACTICE

the act of trying to recall information without having it in front of you



The cognitive
architecture of
human memory

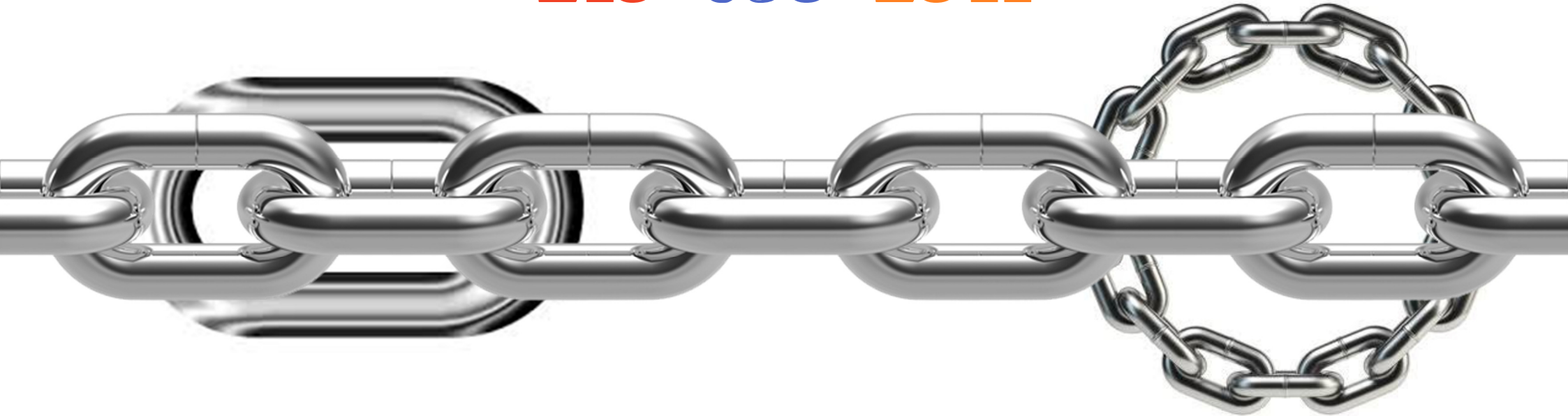
The best activities will feel difficult at first - they reveal how much you forget - forgetting is key to developing understanding & recall.

Illustration by
Oliver Caviglioli

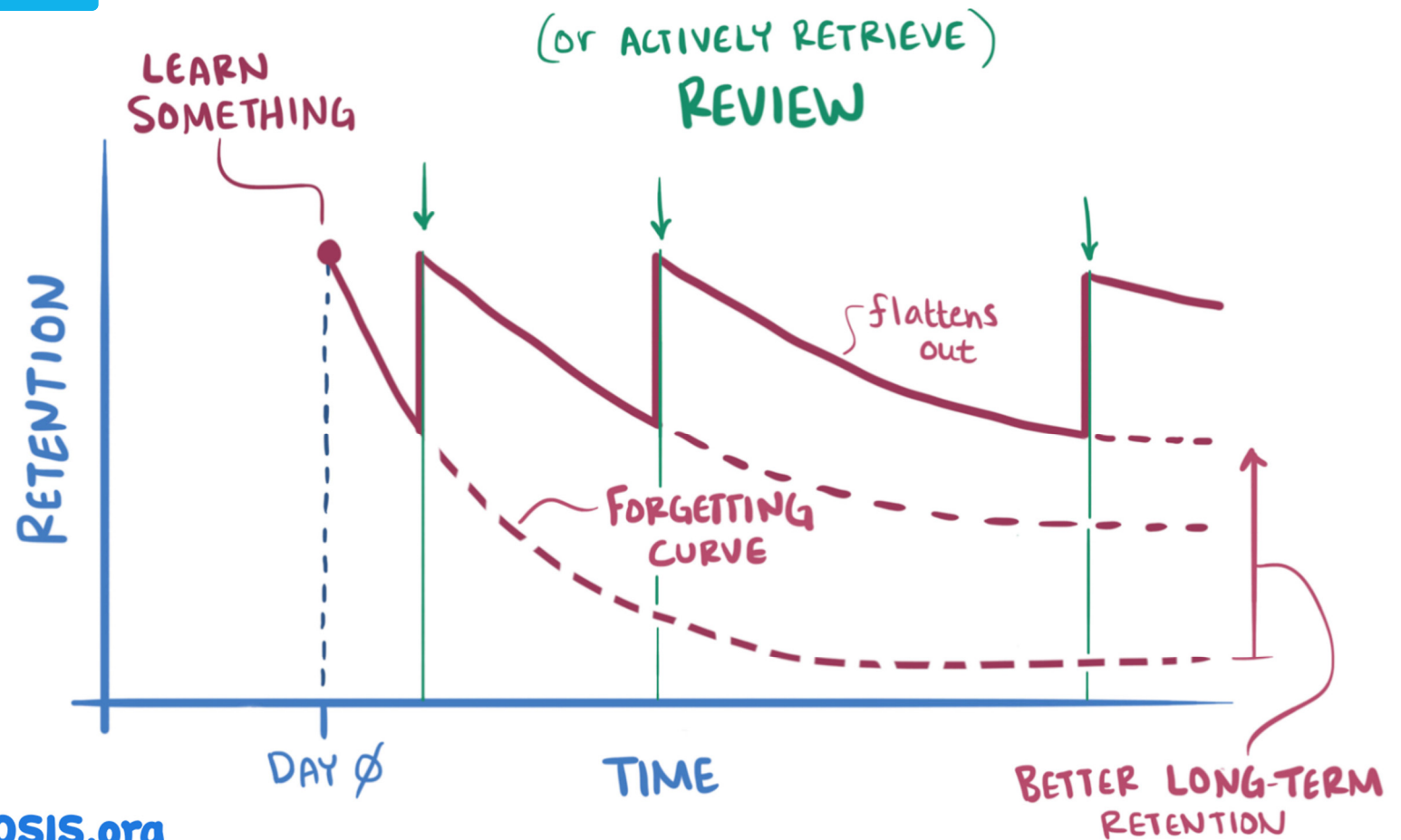
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RETENTION



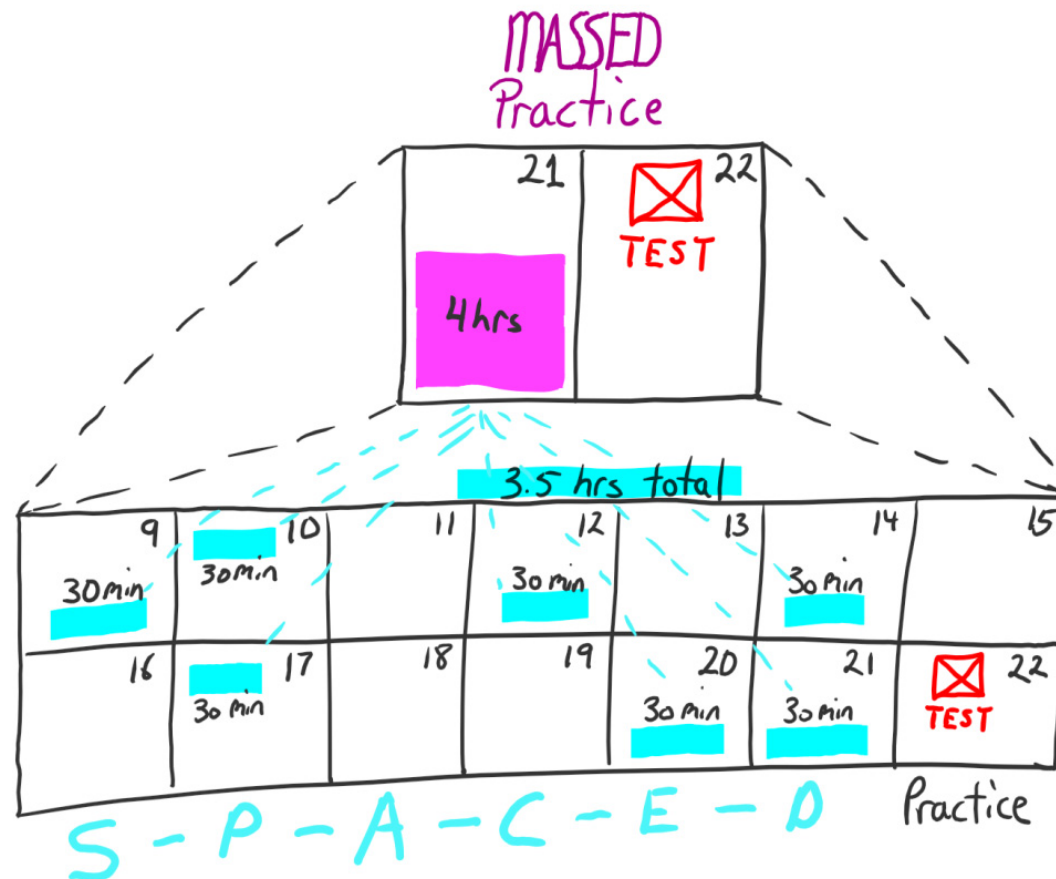
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When to train?

SPACED PRACTICE

spacing out your studying over time

“Implementing a schedule of practice that spreads out study activities over time”



REVISION PLANNERS



Day	Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thurs	Fri	Sat
Date							
Example: BIOLOGY	Plan when you will revise & take exam.		Revise				
Subject: Maths	X						
Subject: English							
Subject: Biology			X				
Subject: History	X					X	
Subject: DT		X					
Subject:							
Subject:							

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How to track
progress?

Revision Trackers

HISTORY – Edexcel IGCSE 2022 – Revision Tracking

CONTENT COVERAGE	Audit	Revised date	Revised date	Revised date	Audit	Revised date	Revised date	Revised date	Audit
Paper 1: The USSR 1924-53									
The leadership struggle, 1924-29									
Five-year Plans and Collectivisation									
Purges, Show Trials, the cult of Stalin and the revision of history									
Life in the Soviet Union 1924-41									
The Second World War and after, 1941-53									
Paper 1: A World Divided: Superpower Relations 1943-72									
Reasons for the Cold War									
Early Developments in the Cold War 1945-49									
The Cold War in the 1950s									
Three Crises: Berlin, Cuba and Czechoslovakia									
The Thaw and moves towards Détente 1963-72									
Paper 2: The USA 1917-1942									
The Roaring Twenties									
Increased social tension in the 1920s									
The USA in Depression, 1929-1933									
Roosevelt and the New Deal, 1933-1941									
The Opposition to the New Deal									

AUDITS – Assign each topic area with a number representing your confidence level. 1 = Highly confident, 4 = Not at all confident.

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Knowledge Audit

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Five-year Plans and Collectivisation	2								
Purges, Show Trials, the cult of Stalin and the revision of history	4								
Life in the Soviet Union 1924-41	2								
The Second World War and after, 1941-53	3								
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Life in the Soviet Union 1924-41	2								
The Second World War and after, 1941-53	3								
Paper 1: A World Divided: Superpower Relations 1943-72									
Reasons for the Cold War	2								
Early Developments in the Cold War 1945-49	4	06/05							
The Cold War in the 1950s	3								
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Opportunity for **Interleaving**: involves switching between topics and ideas - shown to improve long-term learning relative to block studying

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Revisit & Track

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Life in the Soviet Union 1924-41	2				3				
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Remember: Revisiting topics is key to spaced practice

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Less of a 'Guilt List'

BIOLOGY - Edexcel IGCSE (2018+) – Alternative Revision Tracker

CONTENT TO COVER	CONFIDENCE (0 → 100%)					Notes:
Section 1: The nature and variety of living organisms						
a) Characteristics of living organisms						
b) Variety of living organisms						
Section 2: Structures and functions in living organisms						
a) Levels of organisation						
b) Cell structure						
c) Biological molecules						
d) Movement of substances into and out of cells						
e) Nutrition						
f) Respiration						
g) Gas exchange						
h) Transport						
i) Excretion						No notes! Borrow.
j) Coordination and response						
Section 3: Reproduction and inheritance						
a) Reproduction						Review in May
b) Inheritance						
Section 4: Ecology and the environment						
a) The organism in the environment						
b) Feeding relationships						
c) Cycles within ecosystems						
d) Human influences on the environment						Need clinic
Section 5: Use of biological resources						
a) Food production						Need clinic
b) Selective breeding						
c) Genetic modification (genetic engineering)						
d) Cloning						

Activates reward systems. Focuses on what you are doing, not what you aren't.

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What helps and
hinders training?

How long to study for?

THE POMODORO TECHNIQUE[®]

A SIMPLE METHOD TO BALANCE FOCUS WITH DELIBERATE BREAKS

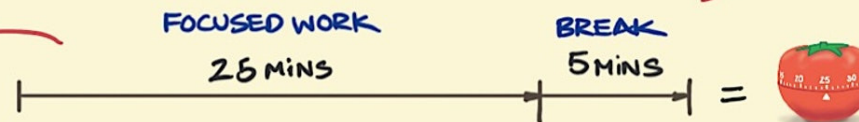


1 PLAN YOUR TASKS
How many pomodoros might you need?

2 DO 1 POMODORO
Time for 25 mins then take a 5 min break

NO SNEAKY
WORKING!

PROTECT
YOUR POMODORO!



3 REPEAT X 4 POMODOROS
Then take a longer break



CONCEIVED BY FRANCESCO CIRILLO

sketchplanations

HOW LONG IS YOUR FOCUS?

Measure it
early on.

apps to try

<https://pomodor.app/timer>

<https://www.marinaratimer.com/>

<https://www.forestapp.cc/>

Where to study?

ATTENTION

- Attention – your brain obtaining from your environment
- Focus – extent you can maintain attention
- Novelty – your brain is addicted to it and will crave and seek it

Distractions?



Attention aids?



BREAKS

*can be
hazardous
to study
plans*

*5 mins
goes quick*

*choose
what you
do wisely*

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How to train?

MOST SUCCESSFUL REVISION PROCESS

**ESTABLISHING
KNOWLEDGE** (forming
foundational memories):

- Reviewing (textbooks, revision guides, class folders)
- Taking & summarising notes (on paper, flashcards)

**‘CLOSED BOOK’
ACTIVITIES**
(adding features to
existing memories):

- **Elaboration**
- **Examples**
- Drawing & annotating **diagrams**

CHECKING & UPDATING

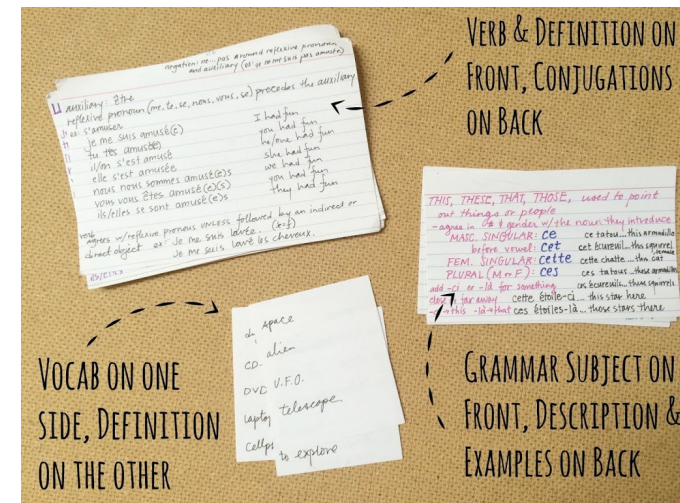
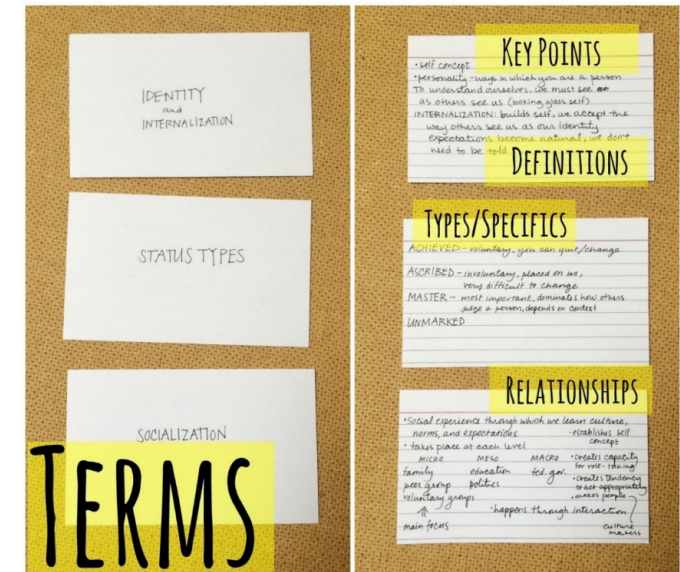
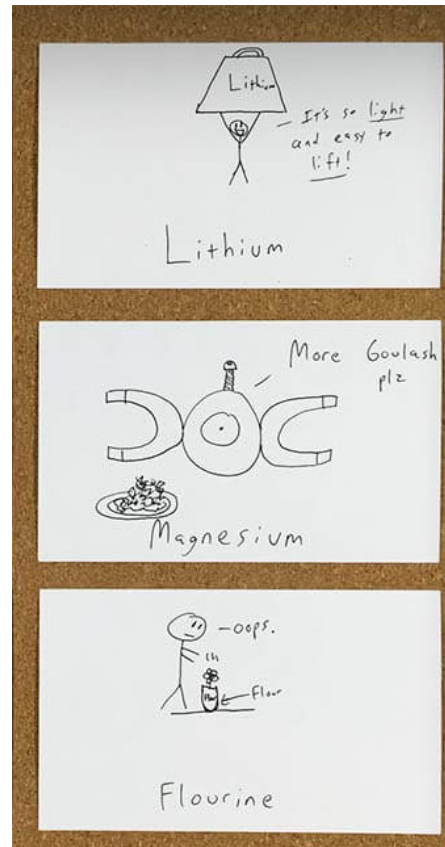
**PRACTICING &
APPLYING RECALL**
(strengthening recall &
memory usage)

- **Retrieval practice**
textbook questions,
past papers, made-up
questions
- **Dual-coding**

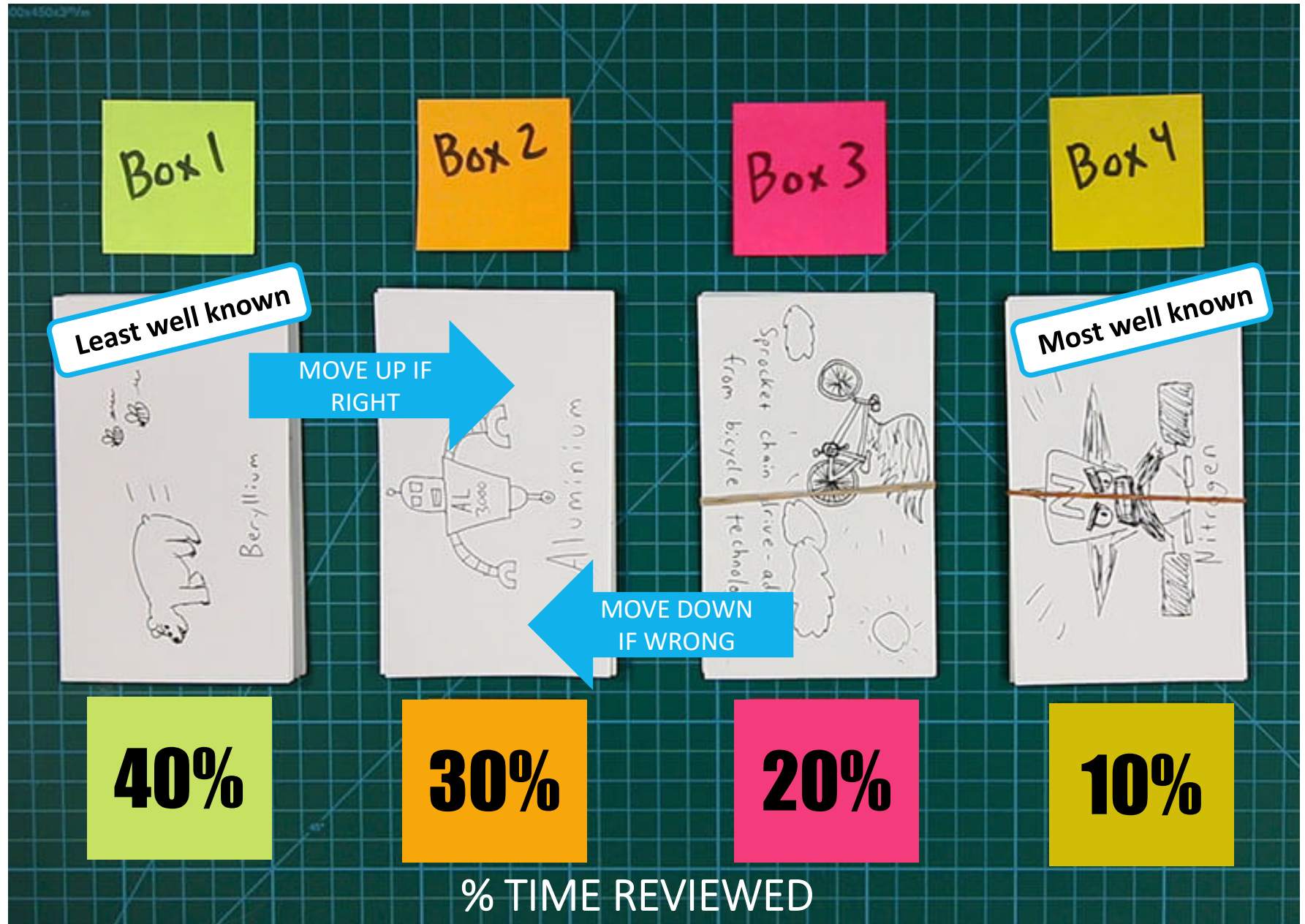
MARKING & UPDATING

FLASH CARDS

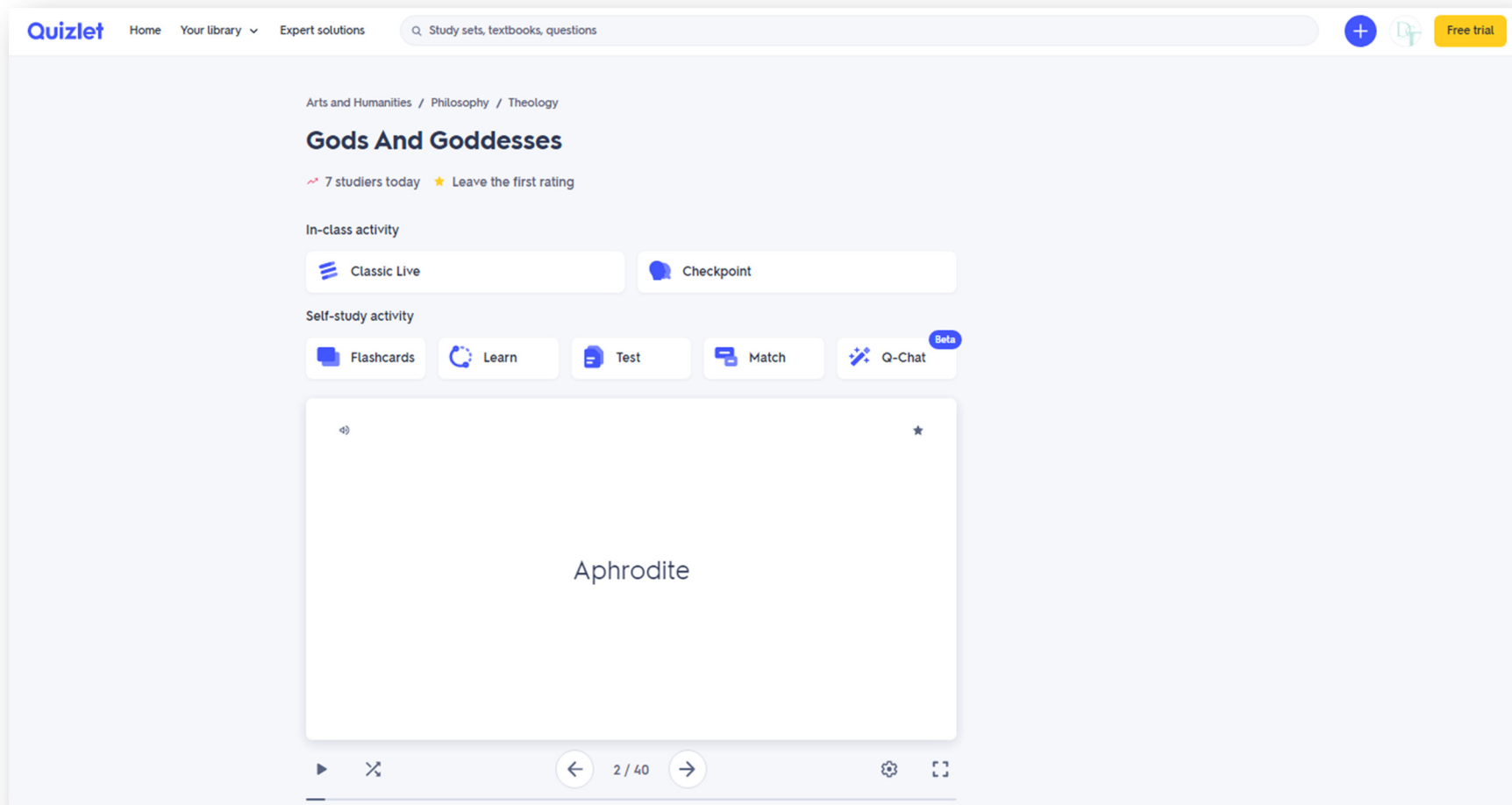
1. Make your own flash cards
2. Mix pictures and words
3. Use Mnemonic Devices to create mental connections
4. Break complex concepts into multiple questions
5. Say your answers out loud when studying
6. Study your flash cards in both directions



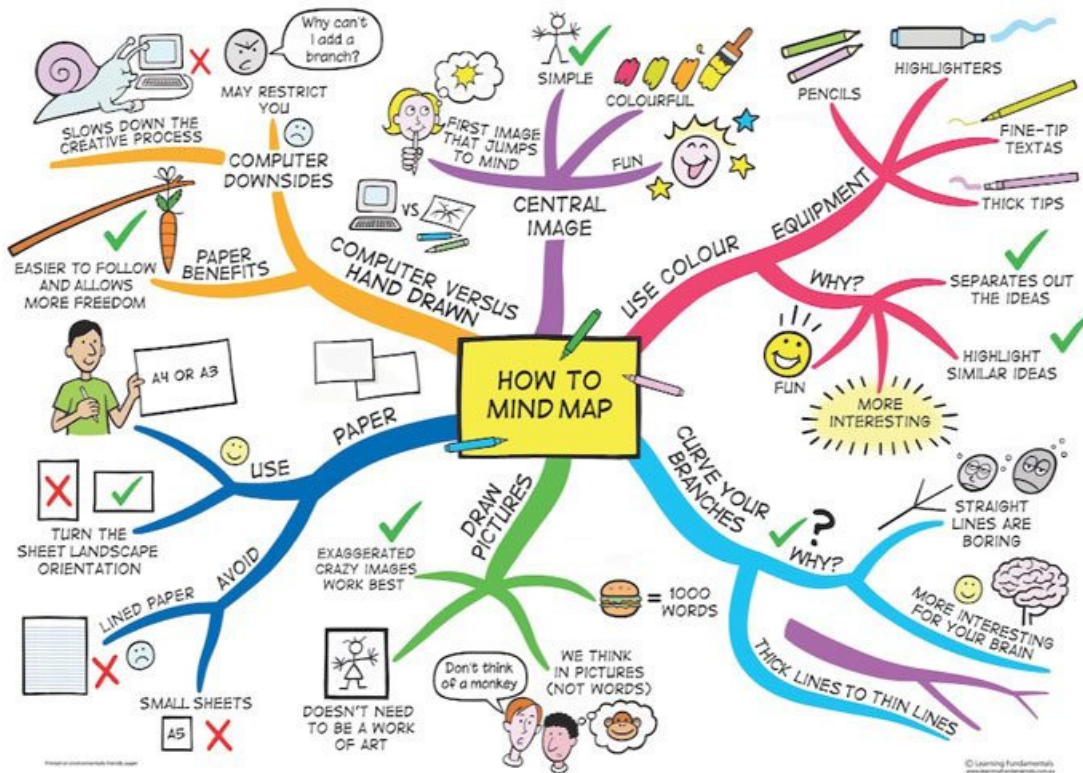
ACTIVITY: THE LEITNER BOX



(Be careful with...)



ACTIVITY: GRAPHIC ORGANISERS



Dual-Coding: combining verbal and non-verbal elements to facilitate understanding and enhance recall.

Comparison table of similarities and differences.

Flow chart to summarise a process or series of events.

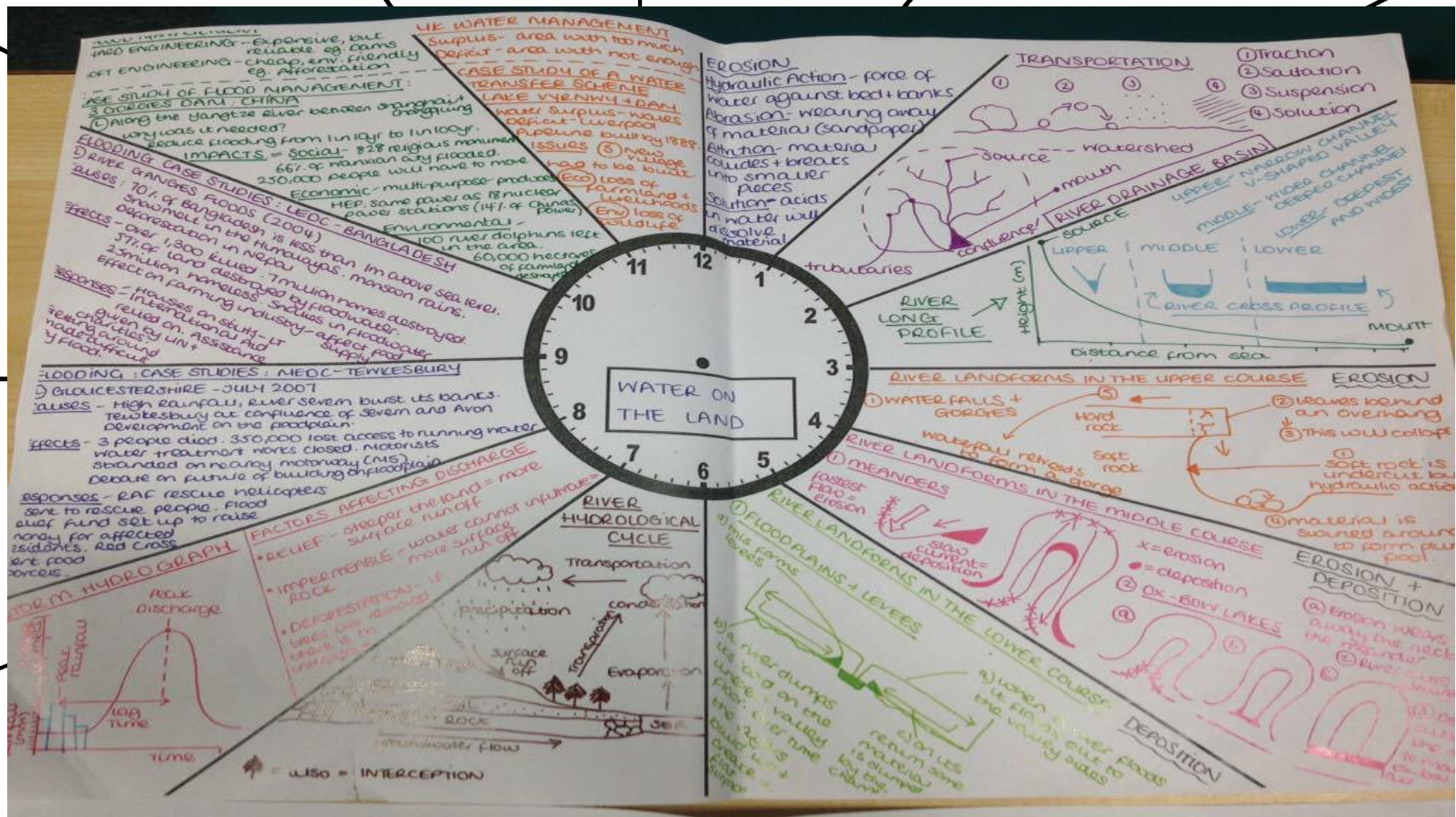
How about...?

A **castle** with separate turrets & a strong foundation.

Streams growing into a **river** & then a **lake**.

A **village** with a central square & streets around it.

ACTIVITY: REVISION CLOCKS

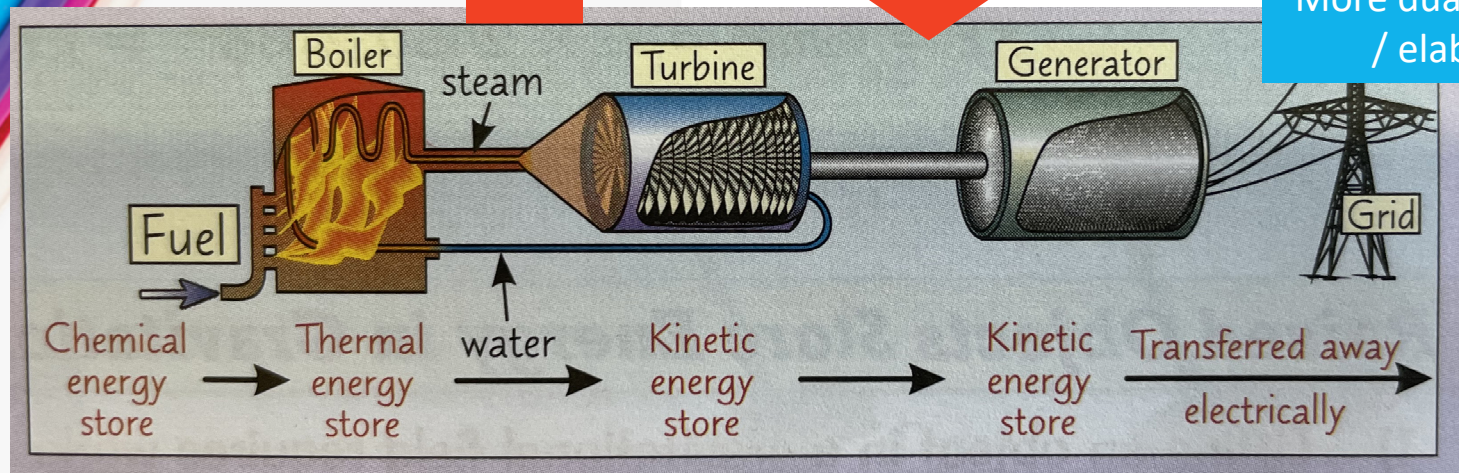


ACTIVITY: TEXT \leftrightarrow GRAPHICS

Power stations use steam to drive a turbine:

- 1. As the fossil fuel burns (in oxygen) the energy in its chemical energy store is transferred to the thermal energy store of the water by heating.*
- 2. The water boils to form steam, which turns a turbine, transferring mechanically to the kinetic energy store of the turbine.*
- 3. As the turbine revolves, so does the generator, which produces an electric current.*
- 4. The generator transfers the energy electrically away from the power station, via the national grid.*

OR



More dual coding
/ elaboration

ACTIVITY: ROAD MAP

Suitable for
anything with a
start and end

e.g.

the Moroccan
crises

the carbon cycle

Jane Eyre red
room scene

Next
step...

Next step...

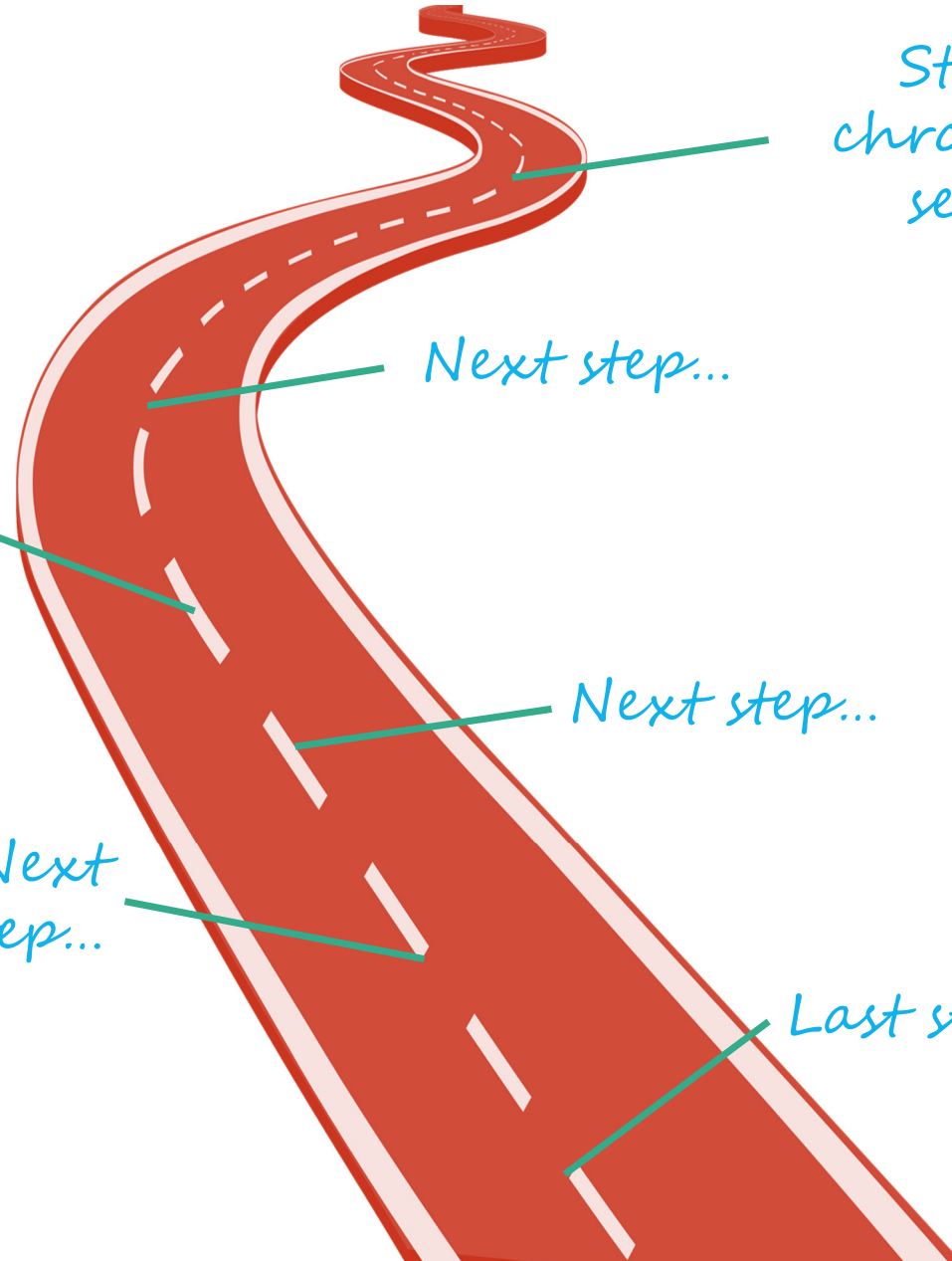
Start of a
chronology or
sequence

Next step...

Next
step...

Last step...

Even more dual
coding /
elaboration



ACTIVITY: THE BLANK PAGE

Put away class materials and **write or sketch everything you know about a topic.**

Be as thorough as possible.

retrieval

Then, **check your class materials for accuracy and add any important points** you missed.

elaboration





ACTIVITY: PREPARE TO TEACH

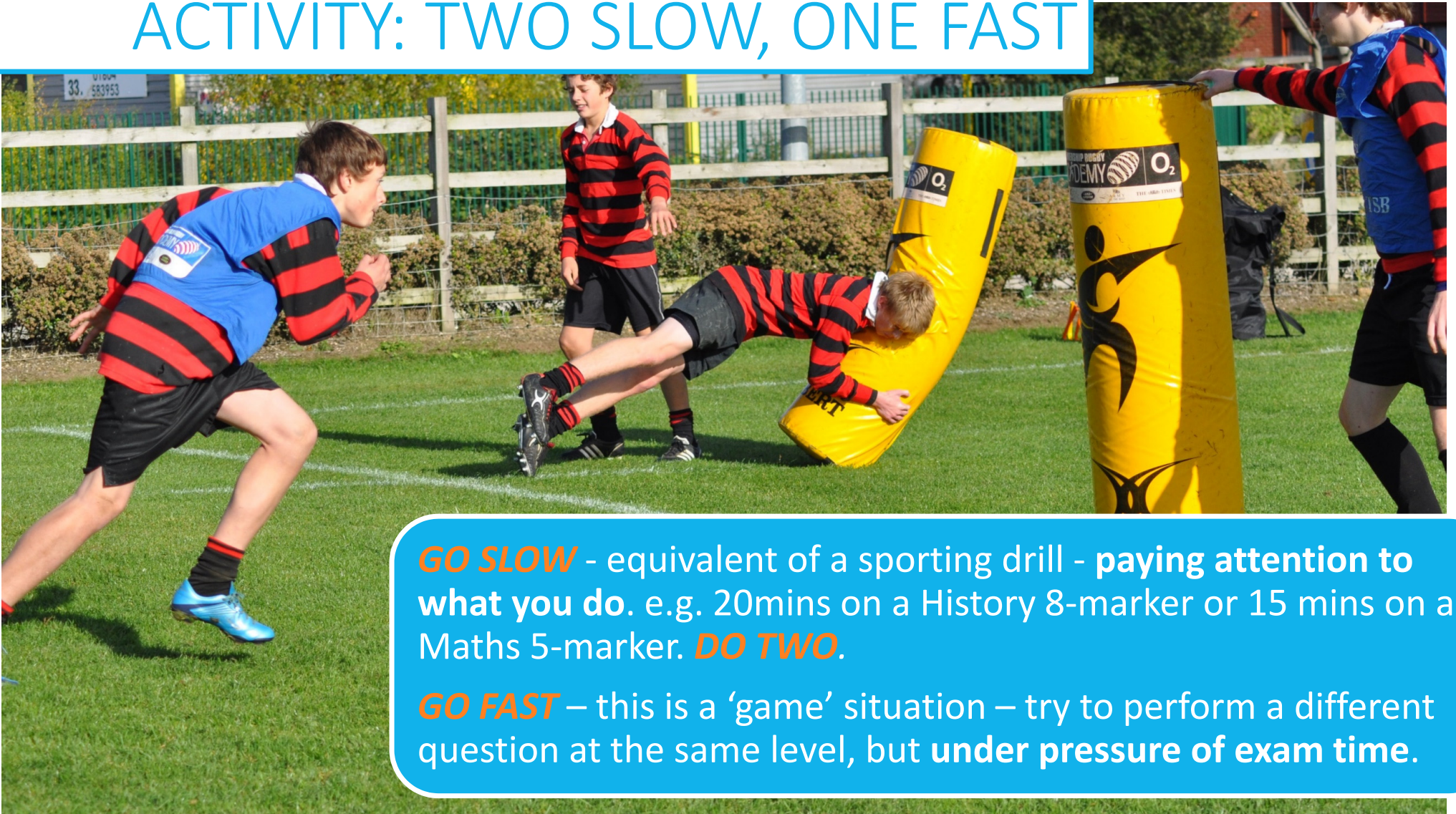
You're the teacher.

Prepare and teach
a topic to a friend /
parent.

Set them an exam
question. For you
to succeed, they
have to be able to
answer it.

Mark it and
feedback.

ACTIVITY: TWO SLOW, ONE FAST



GO SLOW - equivalent of a sporting drill - **paying attention to what you do**. e.g. 20mins on a History 8-marker or 15 mins on a Maths 5-marker. **DO TWO**.

GO FAST – this is a ‘game’ situation – try to perform a different question at the same level, but **under pressure of exam time**.

ACTIVITY: WHITEBOARD JUMBLE

Solve for m .

$$\frac{6}{m} = \frac{-2}{m-8}$$

TRICKY
QUESTIONS
POST-IT
COLLECTION

[Practise fast
/ slow
answers here.
Then do the
next post-it]

What to do to get started?

GCSE TARGETING & TRACKING

Revision Trackers help pupils identify and rank the exam content they need to recall, target their priorities, and track their progress to ensure best coverage.

BIOLOGY [Word / PDF]

CHEMISTRY [Word / PDF]

CLASSICAL CIVILISATION [Word / PDF]

DESIGN TECHNOLOGY [Word / PDF]

FOOD PREPARATION [Word / PDF]

FOURTH-LEVEL SCIENCE [Word / PDF]

FOURTH-LEVEL SCIENCE [Word / PDF]

FOURTH-LEVEL SCIENCE [Word / PDF]

FOURTH-LEVEL SCIENCE [Word / PDF]

PHYSICAL EDUCATION [Word / PDF]

PHYSICS [Word / PDF]

TOOLS & ACTIVITIES

Different tools and activities help pupils develop their knowledge and understanding of the content. Pupils can use these tools to develop their knowledge and understanding of the content further.

Revision Clock & Template [Word / PDF]

Leitner Flash Card System (Harris 2014)

Print Your Own Flashcards

Revision Clock & Additional Templates

SQR4 Learning Method (MSJC)

The Memory Clock System (Sandringham School)

<https://dcslibrary.com/revisionkit>

When test week arrives...

THE DAY BEFORE

Check you know the time and place for your exam.

Make sure you know how many questions you need to answer and how long you are planning to spend on each part of the paper.

Make sure you have pens, cartridges, highlighters and any other equipment you need.

Read through your notes but don't work too late.

Get some fresh air. Don't stay inside all day.



THE NIGHT BEFORE

Last minute cramming increases anxiety and tires you out.

Go to bed at a sensible hour.

If you can't sleep, don't worry - your body is still resting.



ON THE DAY

Get up in plenty of time.

Eat breakfast, even if you are not hungry. Research shows students who eat breakfast perform better in exams.

Check you have all your equipment.

Don't be put off by other students who are panicking.

Stay hydrated. Drink plenty of water to aid concentration.

IN THE EXAM

Read the instructions carefully.

Make sure you read to the end of the paper and turn over every page in the booklet - including blank pages.

Put your watch on the table and keep an eye on the time.

Spend time reading the questions carefully. Underline key words. Plan your answers.

If your mind goes blank, breathe! Look away from the paper and try to visualise your classroom for that subject, your notes and key words from that topic.

If you feel anxious, breathe in to the count of 7 and out to the count of 11.

If you do run out of time, jot down some bullet points. You may pick up some extra marks.