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Flash Cards

Simple to create. Ask questions on one side and put the answers on the other. You can colour code them for different topics and test yourself. You could even get a study buddy to help you with the testing

How to use in geography

- Create flash cards for key words and terms
- Create a flash card for formations and processes (you could also try a hide and seek card)

Dual Coding

This is a method of putting your knowledge into visual firms alongside words

1. Look at your notes
2. Try to explain in your own words what they mean
3. Take the information and draw visuals to go with it



How to use in geography

- Create a comic strip to show the impacts of land degradation
- Create a series of drawings to show the step by step formation of an arete.

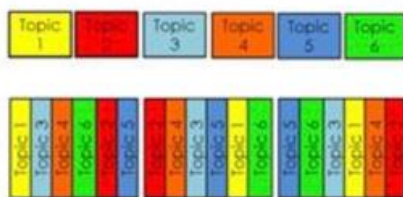
Interleaving Practice

Rather than revising all your topics in one go (cramming) you should revise for chunks of a topic in small amounts of time (eg 15 minutes) and then move onto another chunk from a different topic.

How to use in geography

- Practice exam questions from different topics rather than the most recent one you have been studying in class.
- Create a revision timetable that chunks revision

Blocking vs interleaving



Deliberate Practice

Set aside time to practice improving your exam technique and skills. Choose what you need to do – it must be tough enough to challenge you then practice, practice, practice.



How to use in geography

- Use model answers from your teacher, pull their answers apart. Then try and answer a similar questions to replicate some of the model
- Use SQA past papers and marking instructions to improve a weaker answer.
- Try using revision guides like 'booster books' to understand more about what a perfect answer looks like
- Work out the minutes per mark ratio and try to time yourself accordingly.



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Organising

Before you start revising whatever topic it is that you have chosen to revise make sure you have organised your resources.

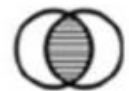
Finish all lessons, catch up on missed work, check off your checklist or I can statements. You may have to borrow work from another student or check online. Ask your teacher.

Revision books and BBC bite size can help you fill in the gaps for National qualification courses like Nat 5 and Higher.

Some students also benefit from making a study timetable to work out how much time they have left/ can study for.

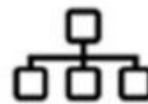
The Big Picture

The best way to aid your understanding of geography is to make sure you are confident with the big overview of each topic and the connections between them.



How to use in geography

- Create a mind map to show the links between each topic
- Write down everything you know about a topic before you revise it.



Transforms

Graphic organisers are a great way of transforming your notes into visual revision topics.

They can be used to create links, identify causes/ effects and the importance of something.



How to use in geography

- At the end of the week mind map all you can remember about a topic and link areas together. You can add to your mind map the following week to transform it into something more detailed
- Create a Venn diagram to compare to topics
- Create a flow chart to show processes or the formation of landforms (for example hydrological cycle).

Retrieval Practice

Testing what you know is a powerful revision tool. The effort required to remember something really strengthens your memory.

How to use in geography

- Look – write – cover – check is a simple retrieval practice everyone can try
- Apps like Quizlets allow you to create your own quizzes based on topics – you can test yourself or get someone to test you.
- Make a revision foldable with questions on the outside tabs and answers on the inners. Spend some time trying to retrieve the answer in your mind before you give up!



