



Three common revision techniques that are least effective in helping you revise are:

- Highlighting texts
- Re-reading texts
- Summarising texts



These methods may make you feel like you are revising, but there are better methods to help you retain the information.

Follow the globe round to find out more.

### Flash cards

Simply create with questions on one side and answers on the other. You can colour code them for different topics and quiz yourself or others.



#### How to use in geography:

**Key words**  
create for key words and terms

**Case studies/examples**  
create for the causes, effects and responses of case studies and example events

**Formations and processes**  
create for showing the stages of geographical formations and processes

**Evaluation**  
create for giving the advantages and disadvantages of management techniques



### Dual coding

Dual coding is the method of putting your knowledge into visual form along side words.

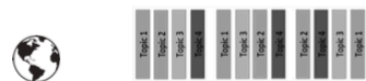
1. Look at your notes and visuals, compare these to the words
2. Looks at visuals and explain in your own words what they mean
3. Take information you are trying to learn and draw visuals to go with it

**How to use in geography:**  
create a comic strip to show the impacts of Haiti, 2010

### Interleaving

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

#### How to use in geography:



Practice exam from past topics questions mixed in with more recent ones.



**Knowledge organisers**  
Use these to create 'must know quizzes'

**Processes**  
'Explain the formation of...'

**Spaced**  
Test on old and new

**Case studies/examples**  
To identify the main features of case studies and examples

### Retrieval practice

Testing what you know is a powerful tool in revision; the effort to remember something really strengthens your memory.

Apps such as Memrise and Quizlet allow you to create your own or use quizzes based on topics. create them, test yourself or get someone to test you! It

### Transform it

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

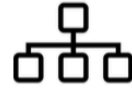
They can be used to create links, show a narrative, identify the causes/consequences and importance of something.

#### How to use in geography:

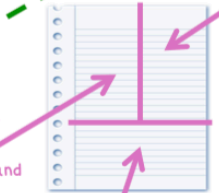
**concept mapping**  
At the end of the week mind map all you can remember about a topic and link areas together. Then use your notes to further add to your mind map.

**Case studies/examples**  
create a venn diagram to compare two tectonic case studies.

**Processes**  
create a visual flow diagram to show the formation of geographical landforms.



Note taking column  
-Key ideas and concepts  
-Important facts and statistics  
-Diagrams and pictures  
-Formulas



Summary  
-Summary of your notes in your own words

### The Cornell method

This method is a great way to get you to 'think' about your revision.

Split your revision book page into three sections; note taking, cues and summary.

### 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 topics.

#### 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

### Deliberate practice

Set time aside to practice improving your knowledge or geographical skills. Choose what you need to do; it must be tough enough to challenge you and practice, practice, practice! You should focus on something you are almost able to do but not just yet!

#### How to use in geography

Use a model answer from your teacher, pull it apart and identify the key parts. Then answer a similar question and try to replicate.

Study material, complete practice questions in timed conditions. Then use your note to correct/improve your answer. A week later redo a similar question. Repeat as necessary.

How do we revise for geography?  
Which methods are most effective?

