



Learning to Learn: Revision Strategies

Here are some ideas that will involve a variety of senses.

Revision strategy 1:

Create a PowerPoint presentation of your notes.



Use animation so you can test yourself.

Use images,

colour

and **sound**



...to create strong visual and aural memories of information.



Revision strategy 2: You could create mind maps, spider diagrams or learning wheels. These help to categorise and sub-categorise information and also create strong visual memories.

Use this activity to create your own mind maps and discuss as a class what kind of things you should include.

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Revision strategy 3:

Get together with friends and role play.



One good role play game is 'Introductions' or 'Mingle'. Write down key terms, theories, historical or fictional characters, etc. on slips of paper. Each person takes a slip of paper.

Introduce yourself to each member of the group and introduce yourself as whatever is written on your piece of paper. You must explain who or what you are and key points about yourself. The other person then does the same.

Then you swap slips and go and introduce yourselves to others as whatever is written on your new slips of paper.



Revision strategy 4:

If you are a strong auditory learner, try recording yourself reading your notes or explaining them and then playing it back to yourself at regular intervals. You can do this while you're out running, on the bus, lying on your sofa or before you go to bed.



Revision strategy 5:

Alter the location of your revision. If you are a kinaesthetic learner, try doing some revision while you're outside; sitting or walking.



Revision strategy 6: If you find you are able to listen to music when you revise then use this to your advantage! Try and listen to certain types of music systematically while you study. This will help with your recall in an exam as you can think of what you were studying while you were listening to a particular song or group.

Try this activity to see if listening to music systematically helps you to revise.

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Revision strategy 7:

Revise with others. Talking through ideas and testing or teaching each other is an excellent way to reinforce knowledge and help it to stick in long term memory. Just be sure not to get distracted by discussions over the millions of things that are more interesting than revising!

Revision strategy 8:

There is no better way of learning something than by teaching it!

Involve your family, friends and relatives and get them to let you teach them what you have learned in your courses.



Revision strategy 9: Make up games and quizzes based on your revision notes to play with friends and family.

Revision strategy 10: Cue cards and **colour coding** information are other good ways of revising and strengthening memory.

Try matching the pairs in this game to see how colour coding can help you to remember information.

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