Revising – How do I start?

Team Holderness

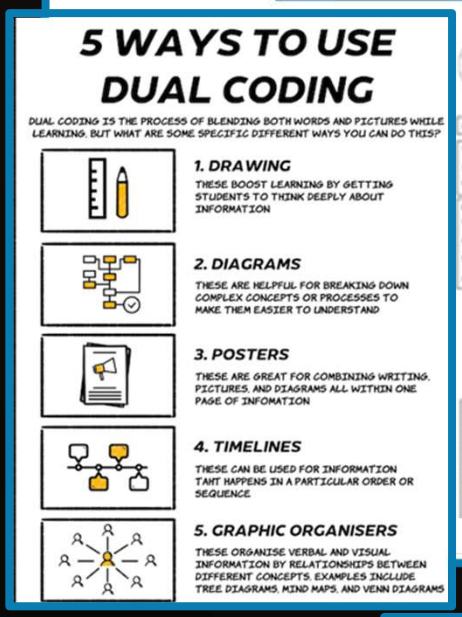
1 SIMPLIFY

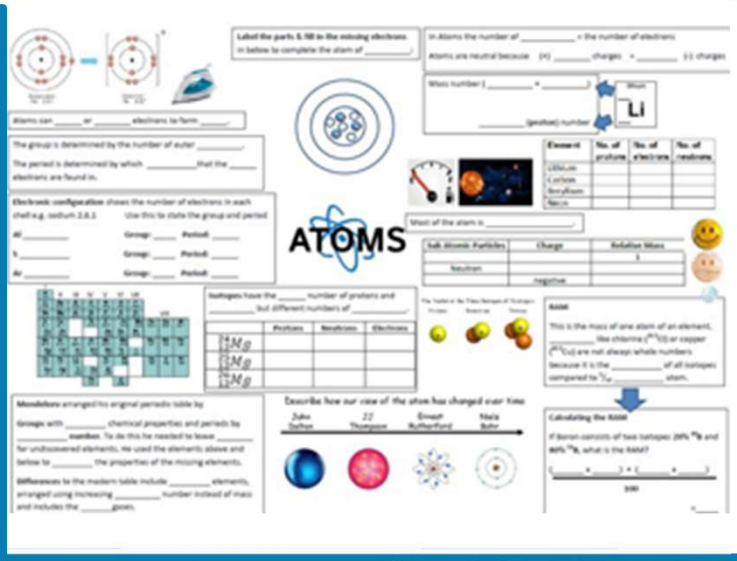
How

Take your sub-topic, put it into fewer words and draw simplified diagrams.

Why

It makes you read through the sub-topic in detail so you can decide how to simplify it. You get more of the subject into your head than if you just read it through.



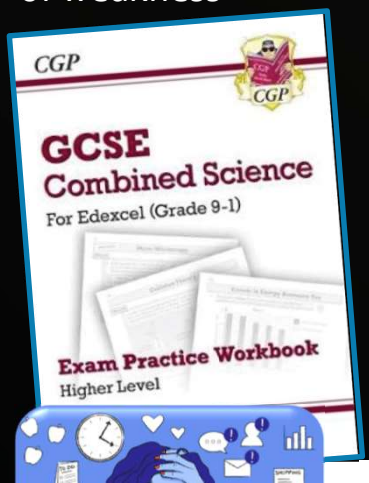


Quiet area, focus on the task
Take a 5 min break

Interleaving
Repeat with a different subject
No multitasking

Summarisation
Make flash cards or revision mats

Active retrieval
Test your knowledge recall & identify areas of weakness



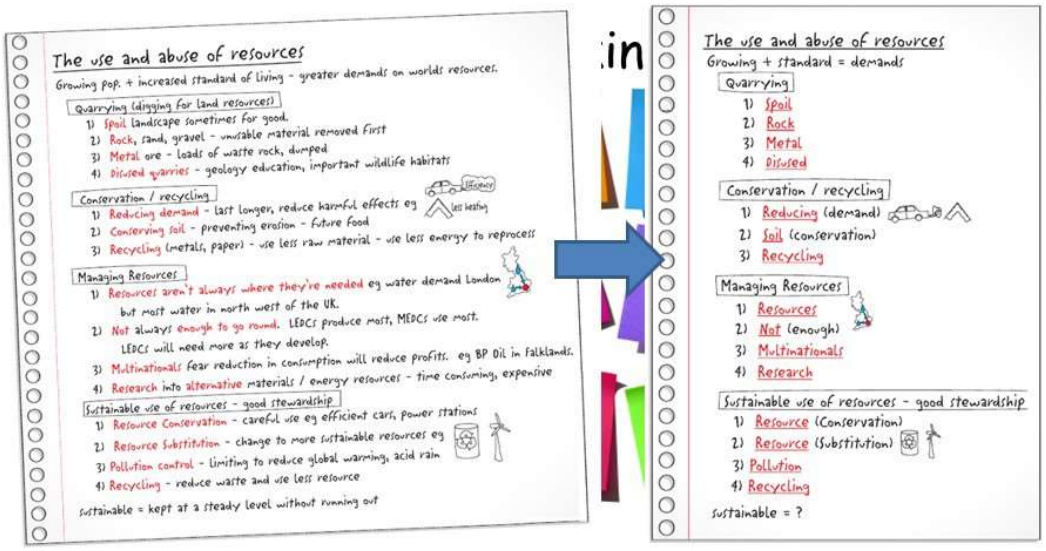
2 REDUCE

How

Reduce the simplified sub-topic into a smaller wad of info. When you've simplified and reduced all the sub-topics in a topic, go on to number 3.

Why

Going over what you've done reinforces the memories in your head. By actively thinking about how to reduce it, you'll make strong memories quickly.



Avoid burnout – 'little and often ' is best
Gradually increase revision through the year

Once you have the basics...

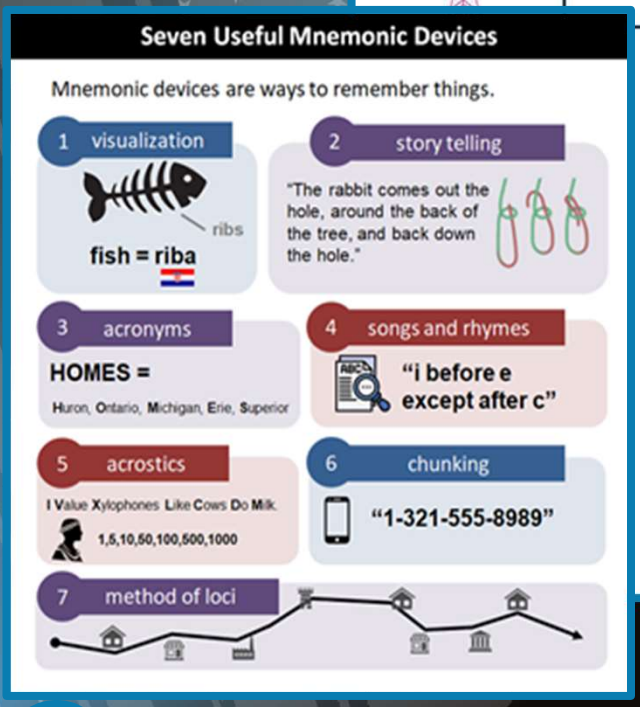
3 EXPLODE THE TOPIC

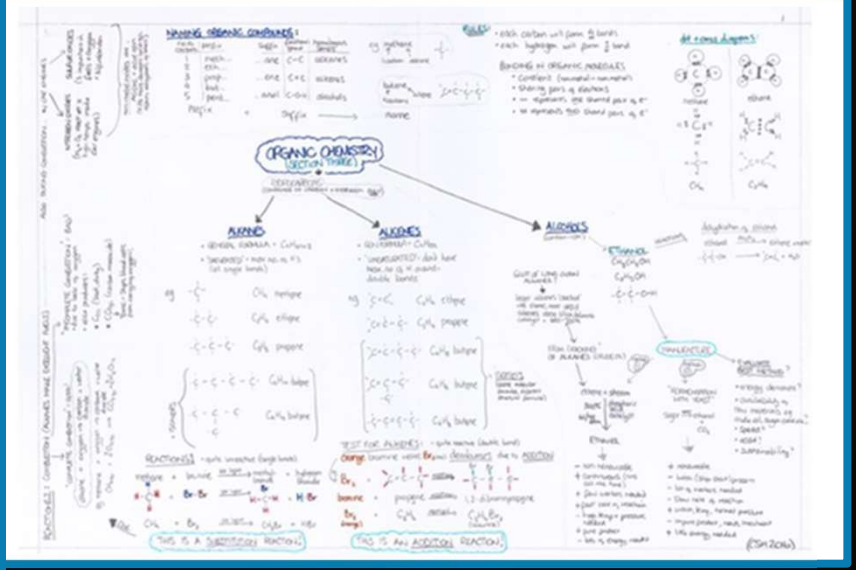
How

Show all the small wads of info for one topic on one page. When you've done this for all the topics in a subject, go on to number 4.

Why

Drawing this out makes you go over every sub-topic again. It also gives you an overview of the whole topic to jog and test that bag of neurones in your skull.



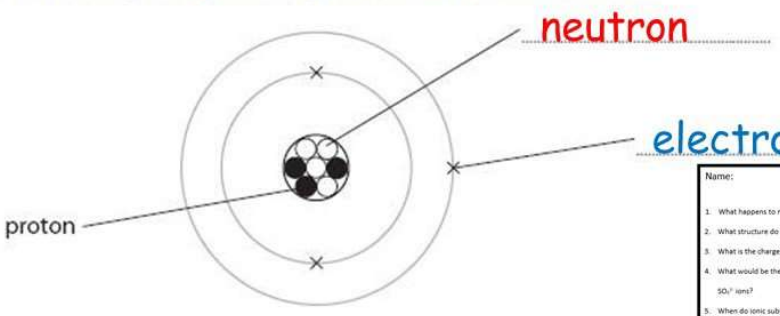


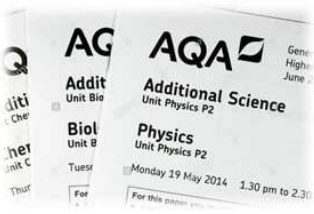
Add the things you forgot in a different colour

4 TEST yourself

Q3.
(a) The diagram shows an atom of lithium.
(i) A proton has been labelled.
Complete the diagram by labelling the other two particles shown.

(2)





Spaced Learning
Plan your revision in advance
Separate similar subjects/topics

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Lesson 6
Ask for help – You don't need to do it all on your own!

Regularly apply what you know to exam style questions
Use this to identify your weaknesses & focus on these points