

Revision flashcards



Revision flashcards are a great way to revise.

They are a portable way to encourage active recall and regular repetition of focused learning areas.

Check with your school or college which exam board and course the exam is for as there are differences in content and exam style. Some courses have revision cards you can buy online.

If you have a textbook or revision guide you could use this to ensure you include the main areas in your flashcards.

Teachers can also guide the specific content to cover or focus on.

What can revision cards look like?

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What are some common language devices used in English literature?

- Alliteration: Repetition of the same consonant sound at the beginning of nearby words.
 - Example: She sells sea shells by the sea shore.
- 2. Hyperbole: Exaggerated statements not meant to be taken literally.
 - Example: I'm so hungry I could eat a horse.

How do you calculate the area of a square?

- Formula: The area of a square is calculated using the formula:
 - Area = side2
 - Where "side" is the length of one side of the square.
- **Example Problem:**
 - Given a square with a side length of 5 cm, calculate
 - Solution: Area = 52 = 25cm2

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How to create effective revision cards:

- Keep it Simple: Use bullet points or numbered lists to break down information into manageable chunks. Avoid long paragraphs.
- Use Headings and Subheadings: Clearly label each card with a main topic and subtopics. This helps in quickly identifying the content.
- Highlight Key Points: Use different colours, bold text, or underlining to emphasize important information. This makes it easier to spot crucial details at a glance.
- Include Visuals: Diagrams, charts, and images can help reinforce the material and make it more memorable.
- Use Mnemonics and Acronyms: These can be great for remembering lists or complex information.
- Write Questions on One Side: Put questions on one side of the card and answers on the other. This is great for self-testing.
- **Keep it Concise:** Focus on the most important information. Too much detail can be overwhelming.
- Organise by Theme: Group cards by subject or theme to make it easier to find related information.
- Review Regularly: Consistent review is key. Go through your cards frequently to reinforce your memory.
- Use real card or try https://quizlet.com to find pre-made digital cards or to make your own.



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General suggestions for what to put in revision cards:

- Key Concepts and Definitions: Write down important terms and their definitions. This is especially useful for subjects like Science and Geography.
- Formulas and Equations: For subjects like Maths and Physics, include essential formulas and equations. Make sure to write down any steps needed to solve common problems.
- Important Dates and Events: For History, list significant dates and events, along with a brief description of their importance.
- Diagrams and Charts: Visual aids can be very helpful. Draw diagrams, charts, or mind maps to summarise information.
- Sample Questions and Answers: Include a few practice questions and their answers. This can help you test your knowledge and understand how to apply what you've learned.
- Mnemonics and Acronyms: Create mnemonics or acronyms to help remember lists or sequences of information.
- Quotes and Key Points: For subjects like English Literature, write down important quotes from texts and their analysis or significance.
- Case Studies and Examples: For subjects like Business Studies or Economics, include brief summaries of key case studies or examples.
- Exam Techniques: Include tips for managing time during the exam, planning answers, and checking work.
- Common Mistakes: List common mistakes to avoid. Include tips on how to avoid them.

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GCSE Foundation paper Maths some suggestions on what to include:

- Basic Arithmetic: Include addition, subtraction, multiplication, and division rules, along with examples.
- Fractions, Decimals, and Percentages: Write down how to convert between them, and include examples of calculations.
- Ratios and Proportions: Explain how to solve ratio problems and work with proportions.
- Algebra Basics: Include key concepts like simplifying expressions, solving linear equations, and understanding inequalities.
- Geometry: Cover properties of shapes, area and perimeter formulas, and basic angle rules.
- Graphs and Coordinates: Explain how to plot points, read graphs, and understand the basics of linear graphs.
- Measures and Units: Include conversions between different units of measurement (e.g., cm to m, g to kg).
- Probability and Statistics: Summarise basic probability rules, mean, median, mode, and range.
- Key Formulas: List essential formulas, such as the area of a triangle, the circumference of a circle, and the Pythagorean theorem.
- Worked Examples: Include a few worked examples for each topic to show how to apply the concepts.



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English Literature GCSE some suggestions on what to include:

- Key Themes: Identify the main themes of each text you are studying. Write a brief explanation of each theme and how it is developed in the text.
- Character Profiles: Summarise the main characters, including their traits, motivations, and relationships with other characters. Include key quotes that reveal their personalities.
- Important Quotes: Select significant quotes from the texts. Note who said them, in what context, and why they are important. Include a brief analysis of each quote.
- Plot Summaries: Write concise summaries of the plot for each text. Highlight the main events and turning points.
- Context: Include information about the historical, social, and cultural context of the texts. Explain how these contexts influence the themes and characters.
- **Literary Devices:** List and define important literary devices used in the texts (e.g., metaphor, simile, imagery). Provide examples from the texts and explain their effects.
- Essay Plans: Create outlines for potential essay questions. Include key points and quotes you would use to support your arguments.
- Comparative Points: If you are studying multiple texts, note similarities and differences between them. This can help with comparative questions.
- Author Information: Include brief notes about the authors, their backgrounds, and how their experiences may have influenced their writing.
- Critical Perspectives: Summarise different critical interpretations of the texts. This can help you develop a more nuanced understanding of the material.



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GCSE English Language suggestions on what to include:

- Language Techniques: List and define important language techniques (e.g., simile, metaphor, alliteration, personification). Provide examples of each.
- Structure Techniques: Include techniques about the structure of texts (e.g. narrative perspective, flashbacks, foreshadowing). Explain the effects on the reader.
- Writing Tips: Summarise key tips for different types of writing tasks, such as descriptive writing, narrative writing, and persuasive writing. Include examples of effective openings and conclusions.
- Grammar and Punctuation: Note important grammar rules and punctuation marks. Include examples of correct usage.
- Reading Comprehension: Write down strategies for approaching reading comprehension questions. Include tips on how to identify main ideas, infer meaning, and analyse language.
- **Exam Techniques:** Include tips for managing time during the exam, planning answers, and checking work.
- Practice Questions: Write down a few practice questions for each type of task (e.g., analysing a text, writing a narrative). Include brief outlines of how you would answer them.
- Vocabulary: Create a list of high-level vocabulary words that can be used in writing tasks. Include definitions and example sentences.
- **Model Answers:** Summarise key points from model answers provided by teachers or textbooks. Note what makes these answers effective.
- Common Mistakes: List common mistakes to avoid in both reading and writing tasks. Include tips on how to avoid them.



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