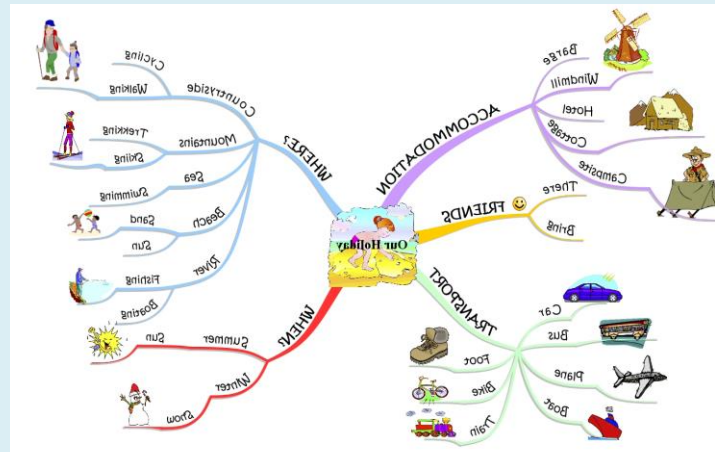


Revision Techniques



“The journey of a thousand miles starts with a single step.”



Take your first steps towards exam success



Revision Tip of the Week



Getting prepared!

Get the basics right:

- comfortable chair and an organised desk or working area
- good light, comfortable temperature
- complete revision kit of:
 - ✓ pens, coloured pencils and highlighter pens
 - ✓ paper, dividers and folders, post-its
 - ✓ dictionary, thesaurus, text books and revision guides
- revision timetable planner
- storage to keep your space tidy



"If you don't practise you don't deserve to win."

Andre Agassi



Revision Tip of the Week

How to make the most of revision sessions

- Let your family know your study timetable so you are not distracted
 - Remember, useful concentration lasts only 30 - 40 minutes
 - Then take a break of 5 - 10 minutes - drink water, text a friend, get some fresh air.
- Like anything else, concentration improves with practice



“Never, never, never give up”

Winston Churchill



Revise for victory!

Revision Tip of the Week

Have you got a Study Buddy?

Your study buddy can motivate you to study. It is easier to stay in and study if someone else is doing it with you.

- Pick someone reliable, someone you can trust.
- Plan in advance what you are going to discuss and revise.
- Share your summary sheets, revision cards, mind maps and other resources.

Working with your Study Buddy

- Structure your meetings: study, discuss, study, discuss
- Teach your study buddy a subject, have them teach it back to you
- Stay in touch by phone and e-mail, support each other
- Check your revision planner for areas to focus on and plan for
- Don't get side-tracked, stay on task

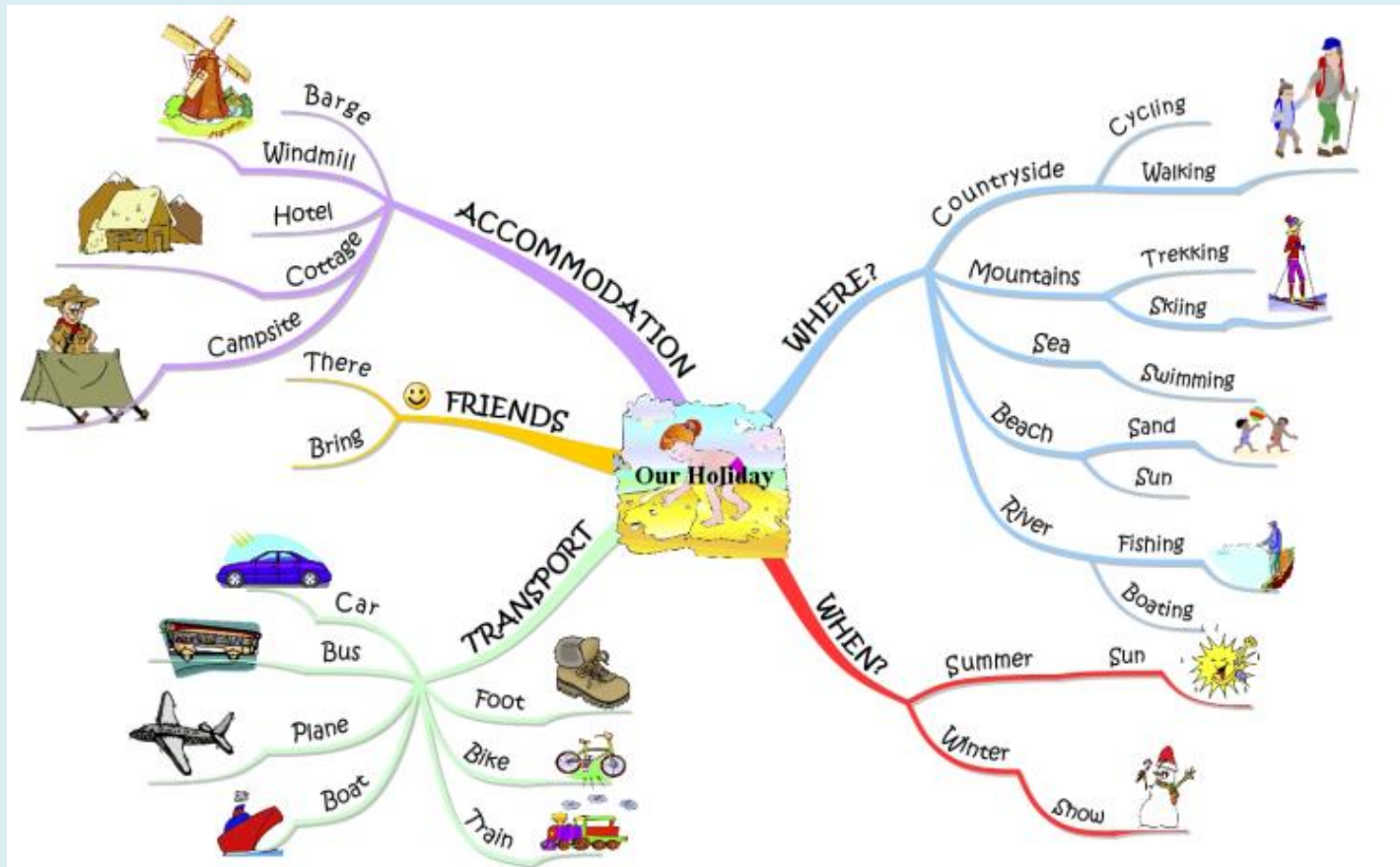


Revision Tip of the Week

Know how to study

Mind maps

Use a blank piece of paper,
4-5 different coloured branches on different topics/areas.
Use a variety of upper and lower case letters
Use pictures, symbols and humour where you can!



Revision Tip of the Week



Know how to study

Flash Cards

Flash cards can be used in a number of ways.

- Bullet point the topics on one side of the flash card. Turn the flash card over and summarise or bullet point the relevant description/explanation of the topic or key word.
- Get your study buddy to make another set. You can then play snap using the word or pick a pair.

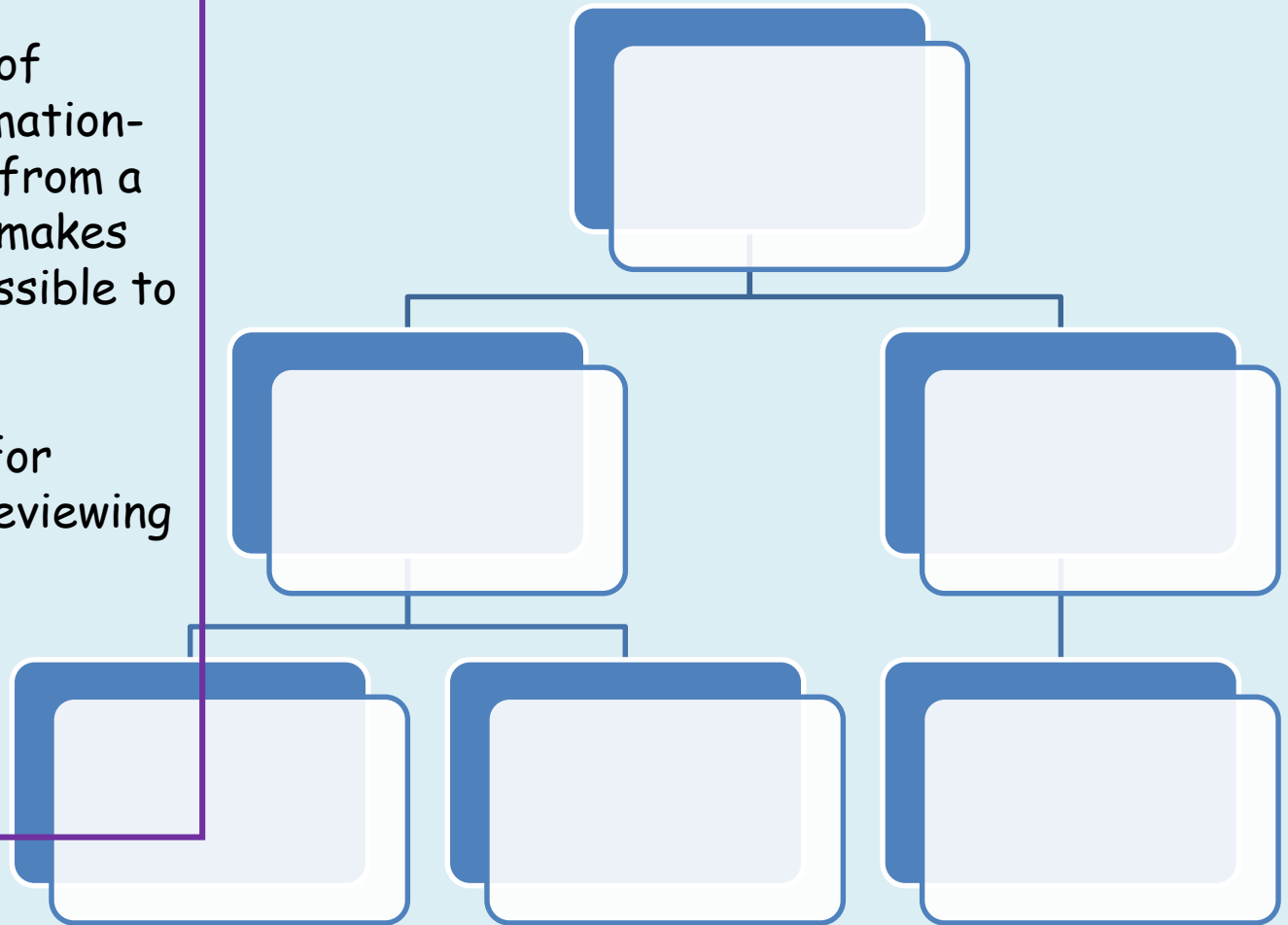


Networked notes: Stepped notes

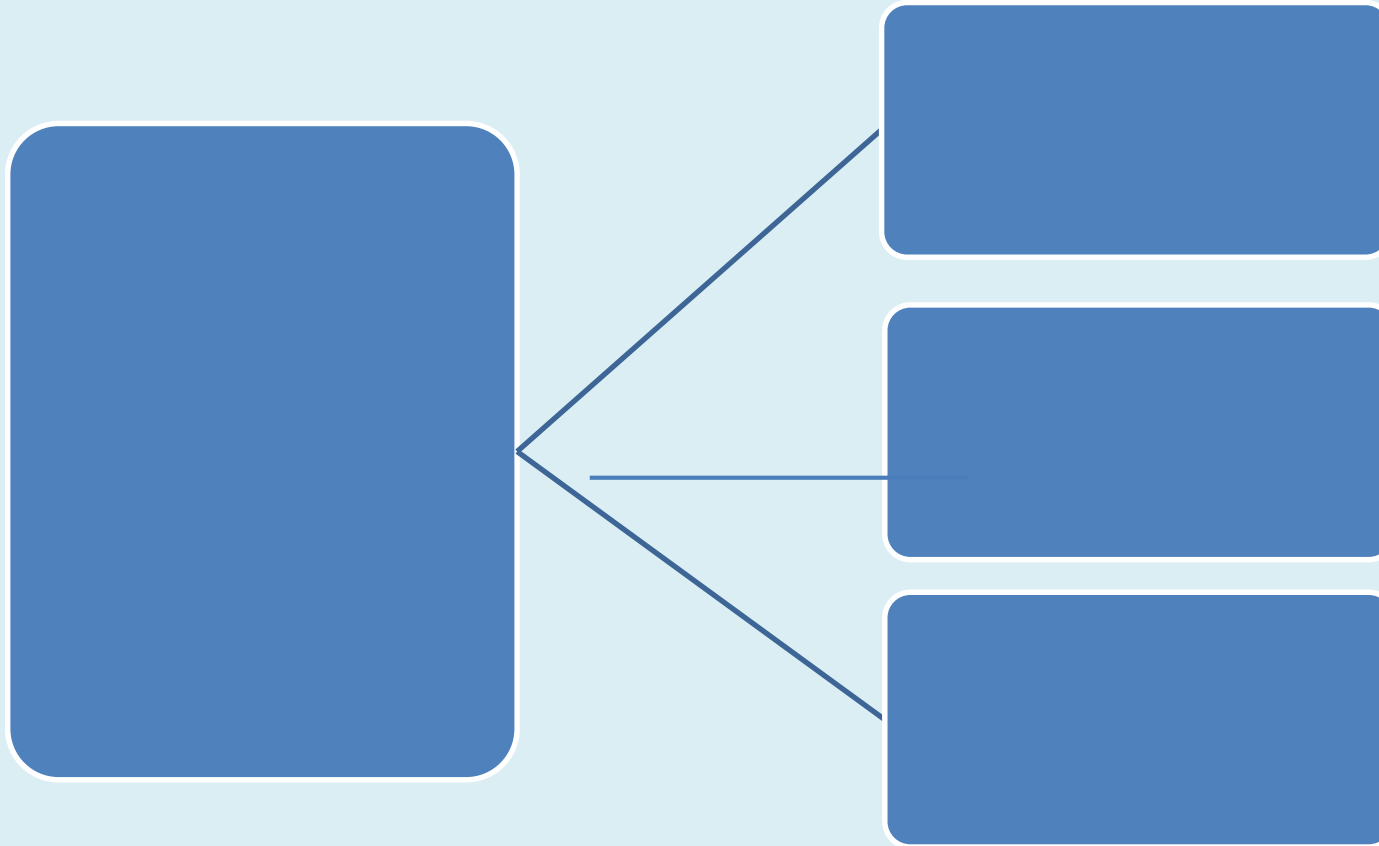
Why?

A powerful way of absorbing information- looking at ideas from a different angle makes them more accessible to your brain.

Useful method for organising and reviewing information.

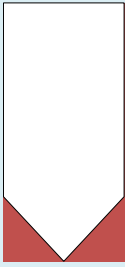


Networked notes: Filter notes



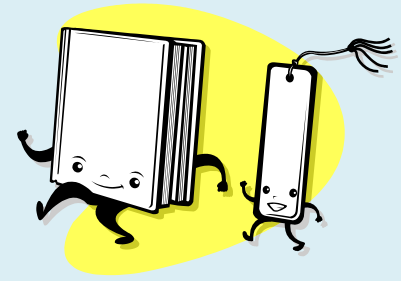
How?
Vary your networked notes to suit the task or your way of thinking.

Use different colours for the boxes, links or junctions.



Revision Tip of the Week

Know how to study



Revision Bookmarks

How is it possible that we can remember the bulk of information in our exercise book? Here's the answer....revision bookmarks!

- Take one section/topic in your exercise book.
- Bullet point the key points from that section onto your revision bookmark....don't forget to cut along the line!
- Use the bookmarks to section off all of the areas that you need to revise for your exam. That information will be much easier to find now.
- Feel free to use lots of colour to stimulate your brain and help you to remember.



Revision Tip of the Week

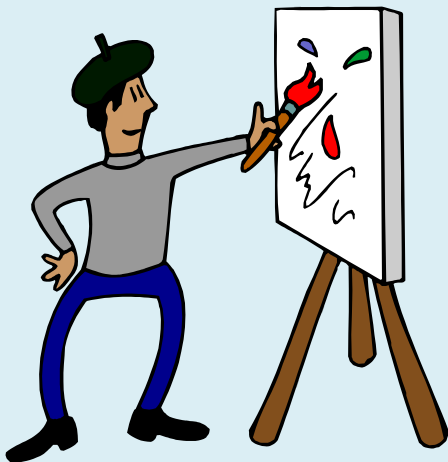
Know how to study


Artist Easel

Do you like summarising that information in writing but don't fancy yourself as an artist, or are you the next Picasso and aren't a fan of writing? Here is the perfect revision technique for whichever hat you may have on.

On one side, you can either bullet point information or for this activity you can even cut and paste e.g. Bitesize.

On the other side you have to add a relevant picture or doodle that will help you to remember that information.



Information	Artist Easel.
Dead volcanoes are called 'extinct',	 A diamond-shaped illustration of a volcano erupting. The volcano is brown and green, with yellow and orange flames and smoke rising from the top. The background is light blue with white clouds.

Revision Tip of the Week

Know how to study

'Post it' notes

They are simple, cheap and effective. Key terms, formulas etc. You name - if you can post it. Stick them wherever you will see them as a constant reminder. For those with a more rational mind, why not stick different subjects in different rooms or areas. Who knows, you may educate people around you!





Revision Tip of the Week Know how to study

Symbol Writing



Record a paragraph or section of information from your book without using any words. You can only use pictures or symbols. The pictures or symbols should make sense to you - so you don't need to be an artist! Stick men will do!

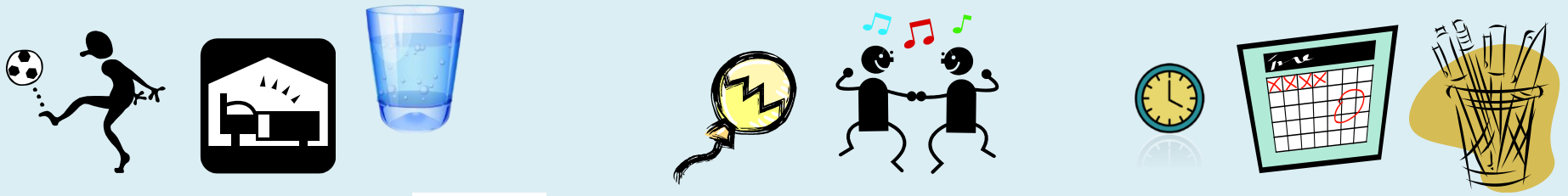
Then, put away your book and, using only your symbol writing, see how much of the information you can remember.



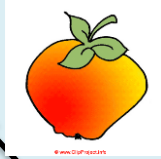
Revision Tip of the Week
Look after your brain and your body!

Use it or lose it - your mind needs exercising just as much as your body, so make sure you keep it active.

- Take plenty of exercise
- If music helps you to concentrate, then use it as a revision aid - but do not let it become a distraction.
- Drink lots of water or juice to keep well hydrated - it really does help with concentration and general well-being.
- Eat sensibly
- Give yourself a treat when you have completed a revision session
- Adequate revision means that you are less stressed when you get to the exam - so you will perform better.
- Do not make it all work and no play - give yourself a sensible amount of downtime when you can have some fun.



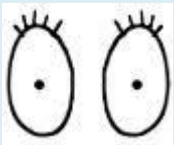
6. Brain friendly



7. Down Time

1. Planning and organisation

5. Review



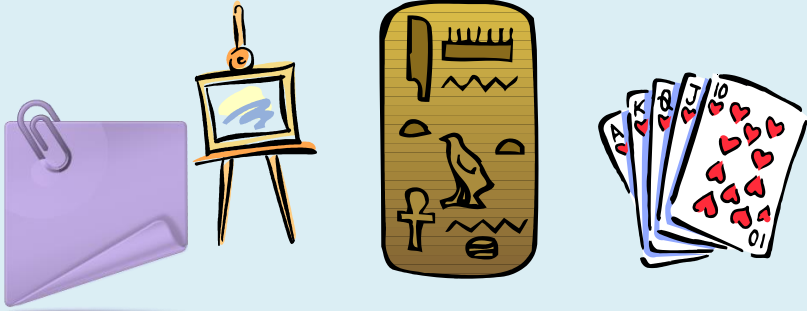
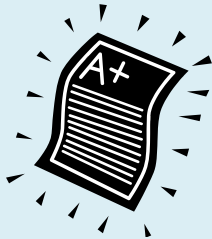
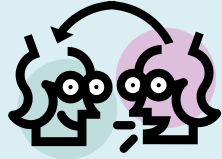
Seven keys to successful revision

2. Your space

4. Test yourself



3. Your brain loves variety



Revision Tips of the Week