

Retrieval Practice when at home



6 ways retrieval practice can be done at home to continue strengthening subject memory.

Solo memory game:

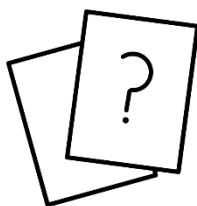
Collect a list of key words in your subject (your teacher may have provided you with these already). Look through your books and worksheets and make a note of the subject key words, which you should be using to demonstrate your depth of knowledge in this subject. For example in Computing, words might include *interface* and *decomposition*.

Using flash cards (or simply paper you have cut into card shapes) write one key word on each card.

Next, you need to research and write a definition + example of each word on the reverse. (try not to use the key word in your definition).

Testing yourself

Mix up the cards and lay them out on your floor or desk. Some showing the key word, others the definition. Challenge your memory by trying to remember the reverse side of each card.



Self quizzing:

Read your class notes and textbook while you do this, imagine you are thinking up questions for the end of year exam, in the margins or on sticky notes write your own content covering questions.



Sit your own test

Collect your questions into groups of 5 and attempt to answer 5 questions in each sitting. You might do 5 in the morning, 5 at lunchtime and 5 on an evening.

Self marking

Take a break after each test before self-marking using your class notes/text book. Use a different colour pen to self-mark (if you have one) and make corrections really clear so that you can learn from any errors.

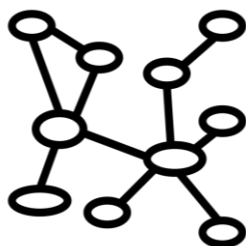
Sharing:

Type up your questions and email them to friends to help them with their own retrieval/revision or share via Google.

Mind map:

Create a mind map for each of the topics or sub topics of your course.

Enhance these with colours for specific sections, underlining or writing in **bold** key vocabulary and even adding doodle/sketched to visualise key pieces of information!



Subject A- Z:

Write the letters of the alphabet down the left side of a sheet of paper. Next to each letter try to write something that links specifically to your subject or most recent topic of study.

For example you might have D = Desertification



Start with important words but then extend these to include facts/quotes you know from your studies.

Past papers:

Test yourself with past papers from your subject. Set yourself a time in the day during which you will do this. Be strict with yourself and use the timing of the test paper. If it is a 1hr exam then use exactly that amount of time to sit the test even if you sit at your kitchen table.



PAST PAPERS ARE AVAILABLE ON SCHOOLGY!

Marking the test:

You can mark a mock paper in a number of ways but 1 golden rule is to *always write in corrections to answers*, do not just mark a question wrong with an X. Write down what the correct answer *should* have been so that you can learn from the mistake.

Marking options:

- Mark from the exam board answers (make sure you have these if available)
- Mark from your books/text book
- Give the paper to a friend to mark

Quizlet - Geography

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Quizlet allows you to use different ways of testing yourself, including Flash Cards. It is specific tool to help you memorise.

It offers a variety of learning modes, including four study modes and two study games. Options include fill-in-blank, multiple choice, true or false and matching etc.

We have as a department created some sets for you – but you can also create your own!.

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