


How to Revise

A young woman with long dark hair, wearing a blue cardigan and a long necklace, is sitting at a wooden desk in a lecture hall, writing on a piece of paper. The background is blurred, showing other students and red chairs. A thought bubble is superimposed on the right side of the image, containing the text "Help! I don't know how to revise!".

**Help! I
don't
know how
to revise!**

What is the point of revision?

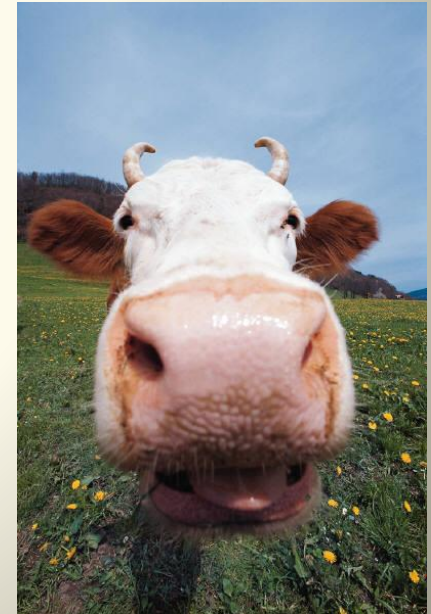
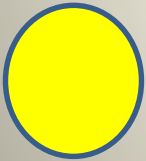
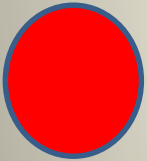
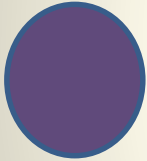
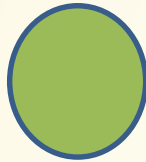
It is to *remember* things.

The best way to **remember** is through **cues**.

A cue is something that you associate with something else.

Colour, Smell, Taste, Sound

All things that you have at your fingertips.



The first rule of revision:

Don't worry.

Worrying will put you off and stop you from doing anything at all.



Second rule of revision

Do not take the easy option and go over things that you already know.

This might make you feel better *(and boost your confidence)* but actually is of no benefit.



Third rule of revision

Find out exactly what you need to know!

Look at the textbook or revision guide-
this will often summarise what you need
to know.



Final Rule:

Plan your revision.
There's no point in
trying to cram too
much in.

You know when your
exam is. What will you
need to cover by that
date?



How *can* I revise then?

Everyone is different and so you all have different things that work for you.

It isn't a good idea to write out all of your notes all over again. There are so many things you can try:

Revision Cards

Write a keyword on a card using your textbook for cues.

Read the relevant part of the textbook.

Come back to your cards and try to write notes on them (this tests your memory)

You can then flick through the cards to help you remember.

Flow Charts

This breaks down the information you need into small chunks.

Spider Diagrams

Mind Maps

Mnemonics

Or try:

Rhymes

Songs

Games

- Snap
- Pelmanism
- Pairs
- Internet games

Lists

Write lists -

Use colour

Different pens / paper

Highlight Notes

- Go through your existing notes with a highlighter. This way your attention is drawn to important bits.

Use post it notes

All around your house - put keywords in the toilet, on your bedroom wall, on your tv etc

Read out loud

- Record the information onto your iThingy or your phone.
- Play it back when you are going to sleep.

The Interweb

There are masses of resources available online:

- BBC Bitesize

Revise science:

www.revisescience.co.uk

Talk to your friends

Talking about it can help.

Have a pizza, turn on some music and have a revision party.

It might be sad but it might make the difference.

It is not all about facts

Learning facts is only part of the battle.

You need to arrange your thoughts on paper and make sure you *answer* the question.