

Study Skills

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Condensing

- Write the key information on A4 paper. Fit as much detail on as you can.
- Next, try to fit only the important bits onto A5 paper.
- Condense it again onto a postcard.
- You should be left with only the most important words.



Mnemonics

- This is a good method if you have a list to memorise
- Take the first letters and make a memorable word or phrase
- For example, the order of the planets:



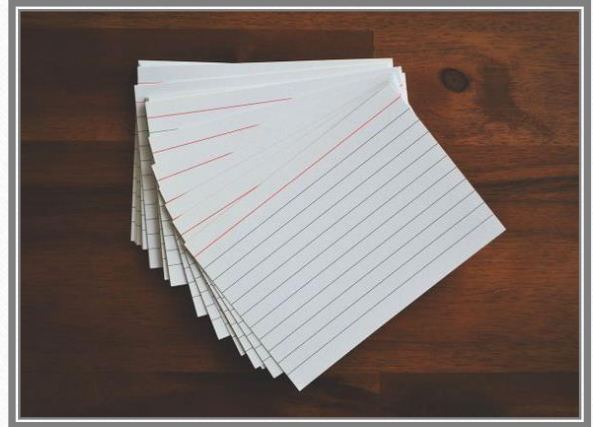
Look, Cover, Write, Check

- Look, cover, write, check is a four-stage process.
- **Stage 1** – Look over the information that you want to learn. You might recite it over and over, use a mnemonic or write it out several times. The aim is to commit the information to memory.
- **Stage 2** – cover up your work so that you can't see it
- **Stage 3** – Write out what you learned in stage 1.
- **Stage 4** – This is very important! Check what you got correct, paying close attention to anything you missed out or got wrong. Re-learn it and check again in a few days to see if you remembered.

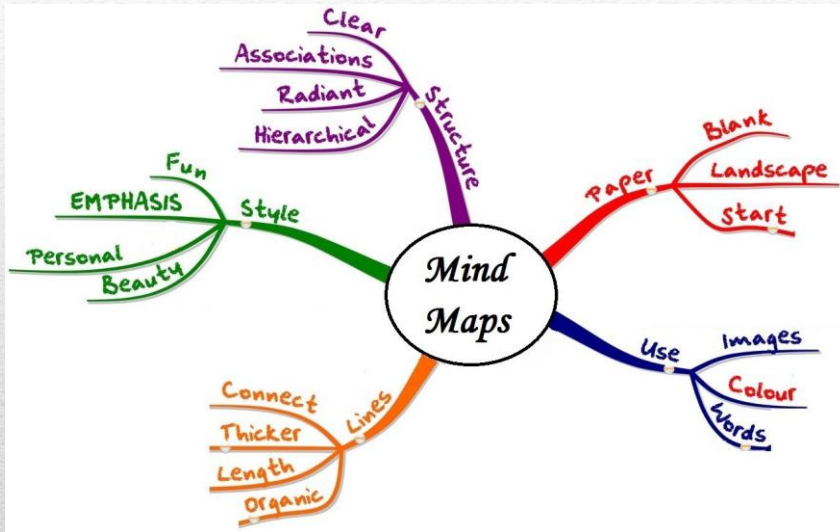


Flash Cards

- Question on one side and answer on the other
- Start reading both sides of each card
- Now take each card and read the question
- Try to answer the question without looking at the back
- Make two piles: right and wrong
- Re-read the pile of incorrect cards both front and back
- Repeat until you have no cards in the incorrect pile



Mind Maps



- Select a topic to put at the centre
- Use branches and lines to organise the information for that topic
- Give each important section its own branch.
- Keep adding branches off the main branches to expand the detail.
- Be as creative and colourful as you want.
- The colours and the physical position of the information on the page will help you to remember it





Test Your partner

- Both study the information to be tested
- One of you asks the other two questions based on the facts.
- The other must answer the questions without looking at the information
- Switch roles and repeat.



Other Methods

- Ask someone in your family to test you from your notes.
 - Give them your notes to ask questions from
- Be the teacher! Teach a topic you revised to someone else.
- Record your notes on your phone and listen to them last thing at night or on the bus
- Set your notes to your favourite tune and sing them!

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