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*'The
Grinch's
Christmas
revision'
Revision
ideas*



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The Grinch hates revision and Christmas time too,
To his teachers' advice to plan he says "boo",
He will not accept that to get exam able,
He would do so much better with a study timetable.

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Design a **study timetable**. Decide what you'll do and when you'll do it. And then stick to the plan!



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Every Who down in Whoville was getting ready,
Buying their presents, Xboxes and teddies,
The Who children's prelims would not be a caper,
But they were prepared after doing past papers.

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Work on **Past Paper questions**. They are a great way to improve course skills and knowledge.



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Why was the Grinch like this, all sad and all whiny?

The answer is simple; his heart it was tiny.

He would not prepare, teachers screamed from their throats,
"At least will you read all those great **study notes**?"

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Make sure you have all the **notes/facts** you need to study. Visit the Mr Marr History website.



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The Grinch hated company and all Who-man contact,
Spent time on his phone so he'd not interact,
But the clever Who children would all celebrate,
Avoiding TikTok and Snapchat so they can concentrate.

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Successful revision needs **concentration**. Don't play with your phone or have TV or music on.



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The Grinch was now angry, with a sour Grinchy frown,
No revising for him, study help he turned down,
It's all such a pity, success could have been his,
If he'd spent some time making a revision quiz.

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Write your own **revision quiz** (including answers). Then get family or friends to test you.



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Exam worries ahead, Grinch's head it was drumming,
Then he had an idea, maybe stop prelims coming,
But this would never work, he'd not get an ovation,
Better idea? A PowerPoint presentation.

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Design **PowerPoint presentations** for your study topics. Add pictures to improve your memory.



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The Grinch really hated the Who girls and boys,
And tried to avoid their revision noise,
Their success secret is known to everybody,
Speak to your teacher, go to **Supported Study**.

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Does your school offer **Supported Study**? This is a great way to get one-to-one help.



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The Grinch had a plan to make the Who children fail,
(If caught he was worried he might go to jail),
He would have been better to revise and not whine,
By using revision clips that can be found online.

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There are lots of **online clips** which give you different facts or exam advice for your subject.



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The Grinch's idea needed a Santa costume,
He let out a laugh at the thought of exam doom,
Oh why could he not see that revision's not hard?
One helpful method is making flashcards.

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Flashcards let you summarise your notes. Write the topic title on one side and notes on the other.



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Dressed up like Santa the Grinch went to move,
Of his wicked plan, no-one should approve,
Exam success is a very worthy prize,
And there's helpful resources on BBC Bitesize.

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BBC Bitesize is a great study resource. It includes facts and revision quizzes for all topics.



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Into the schools the Grinch tried to sneak,
Exam papers he hoped to steal or to peek,
But a better idea in his mind did not feature,
Why not ask for some help from all of his teachers?

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It might seem obvious but **teachers** are there to help. If you're having problems, ask for support.



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It seems the Grinch thought he might triumph by cheating,
As an immoral idea that does take some beating,
By not being honest he'd fallen into a trap,
To get out he could make his own study mind maps.

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Mind maps are quick way to organise all your notes (based on topic, key facts, examples, etc).



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The Grinch cackled as the exams they were stolen,
His heart shrinking further, certainly not swollen,
A much better plan which would not offend,
The Grinch could have tried to revise with a friend.

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Working with a **study partner** might help you on track. Mark each other's work or set quizzes.



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Now that the Grinch had all exam questions,
He was ready to cheat in a dishonest session,
But the honest Who children instead by contrast,
Were preparing by listening to some podcasts.

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Revision doesn't just mean reading. You can get podcasts, even listening to them when you're out.



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This would be great, the Grinch would excel,
But in the back of his mind grew a moral bombshell,
How to access the things that his brain it has stored,
Maybe he'd study more if he got a reward.

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Give yourself a study incentive. For example,
complete a past paper, get a **reward** e.g. chocs.



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Just as he started to sneak and deceive,
A feeling inside him it just would not leave,
If he truly wanted to learn and be wise,
using study hashtags would help him revise.

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Visit Mr Marr's Twitter page to get study
#hashtags for topics like the Great War or Nazis.



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The Grinch was so puzzled, his puzzler was sore,
But what was this lesson he needed to know?
If you want to succeed then all that it took,
Homework activities like writing **study books**.

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If you were buying a **study book**, what would you want in it? Write a book with tips and facts.



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maybe success and triumph comes from hard work,
And making an effort, it's not just some quirk,
Trying your best is always the best option,
So summarise your knowledge using words, only ten.

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Summarise each revision issue into **ten words**.

This is easier than remembering many facts.



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The true meaning of effort finally came through,
He would try really hard just like the Who do,
And then his success we would all soon acknowledge,
using picture symbols to show off his knowledge.

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Identify the main issues you have to revise. Make up a study page using only **images**, not words.



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The Grinch knew how mistaken he had been before,
His previous actions he had come to abhor,
He felt that he needed to make a confession,
But first he would study by writing some **questions**.

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Ask a partner to state a fact. Then write a **question** which would let people give that fact as an answer.



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On this lovely day the Grinch's heart grew three sizes,
It just goes to show that life's full of surprises,
In future he'd try, no more would he whine,
When studying history he'd draw a timeline.

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Sometimes History is about knowing key dates.
Design **timelines** of key events from your topics.



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And now that his heart did not feel so tight,
Finally everything would start to go right,
He could prepare for his tests without using crime,
By answering questions within a fixed time.

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Knowing facts and skills is good – but can you do it in time? Use a **timer** to prepare for the exam.



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With a smile in his soul he prepared for exams,
And Christmas dinner, maybe turkey or ham,
He would try his best, there would be no more messin',
The Grinch now would study by planning a lesson.

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What exam skills do you need? **Plan a lesson**
where you have to simply explain each skill.



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At Christmas the Grinch is now filled with cheer,
And will continue to be throughout the year,
As when he's revising one mistake he won't make,
He'll not do too much, and build in some breaks.

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Success involves hard work. But doing much will
make you less effective. **Have breaks too!**



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The Grinch is so happy, he'll no longer sneer,
In spite of the fact that the prelims are near,
He's been working hard and now so should you,
And you'll get top marks and a great Christmas too.

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Enjoy your holidays. Have some leisure time and
do some revision. **Merry Christmas!**