

Revision Strategies – Using Questions

- In your exams you will have to answer a series of different questions or commands.
- There are lots of different types of questions, worth a range of marks; from one mark, maybe multiple choice to extended writing/essay questions.
- It is important to practise all sorts of questions to ensure that you feel prepared.
- Not all your exam questions have a question mark – they are command sentences that need a response, e.g. describe, explain – make sure that you know how to handle these.



How can I revise using questions?

- You can use exam board websites to find past question papers which you can use in your revision.
 - Print out the papers, single sided, and separate the questions out into topics.
 - Use these questions to test yourself during your revision sessions
- Invent your own questions.
 - Use your specification as a starting point – turn each point into a question or a command
 - Use a question matrix to create a bank of questions for each topic
 - Ask a friend or family member to test you; make a game of it
- Don't forget your other revision strategies – use flash cards, mind maps, post-its and more to make your questioning engaging
 - Write the exam question on one side of a flash card and the answer on the other side
 - Write out questions and answers on different post-its and mix them up, then match them back up
 - Make a question mind map with questions then branching out from a central topic

IMPORTANT!
Get to know the command words and what is needed to answer each in your different subjects.

Common command words:

Analyse, Assess, Consider, Criticise, Comment, Define, Describe, Discuss, Deduce, Examine, Explore, Evaluate, Explain, Illustrate, Interpret, Outline, Summarise, State, Relate, Review, Argue, Debate, Give, Justify, Estimate, Calculate, Suggest, Prove, Compare, Contrast, Apply, Complete, Develop, Identify