

# THE EXAMS English Language

#### Language Paper 1 – 80 marks, 1 hr 45 mins

Section A: You will be given an extract from a fiction text (a story), and you must answer 4 questions about it.

- Q1 = Listing 4 things you find about a certain topic
- Q2 = Language Analysis
- Q3 = Structure Analysis

Q4 = Agreeing or disagreeing with a statement and evaluating writer's choices.

Section B: Creative Writing

Q5 = You need to choose to either write a description or a story

#### Language Paper 2 – 80 marks, 1 hr 45 mins

Section A: You will be given 2 extracts from non-fiction texts (from real life), and you must answer 4 questions about them.

- Q1 = Choosing 4 true statements
- Q2 = Comparing 2 texts on a certain topic
- Q3 = Language Analysis
- Q4 = Comparing the writers' viewpoints and perspectives and how they convey them.

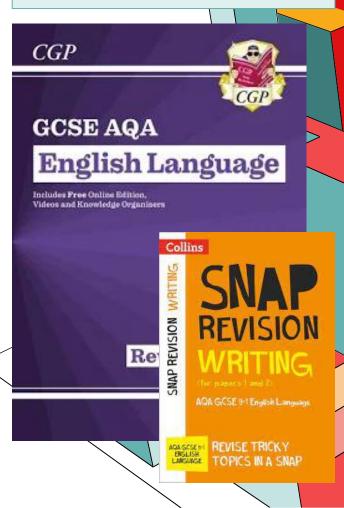
Section B: Transactional Writing Q5 = You will be given a specific text type to write e.g. article on a certain topic

#### **Key Facts:**

Exam Board: AQA

Course code: 8700

Examinations: Worth 100% of the qualification. You will sit 2 exams, each lasting 1 hr 45 mins.



## THE EXAMS English Literature

#### <u>Literature Paper 1 – 64 marks, 1 hr 45</u> <u>mins</u>

Section A: Macbeth – you will be given an extract from *Macbeth* by William Shakespeare and a question topic which you need to write an essay responding to. You are also given up to 4 marks for SPAG. Total marks = 34 Section B: A Christmas Carol - you will be given an extract from A Christmas *Carol* by Charles Dickens and a question topic which you need to write an essay responding to. Total marks = 30

#### <u>Literature Paper 2 – 96 marks, 2 hrs 15</u> <u>mins</u>

Section A: An Inspector Calls – You are given a choice of 2 questions to write an essay about based on An Inspector Calls by JB Priestley. You are also given up to 4 marks for SPAG. Total marks = 34 Section B: Anthology Poetry - you need to compare 2 poems from a cluster you will learn in class. Total marks = 30 *Section C:* Unseen Poetry – you will be given 2 poems you have never seen before that you must analyse. Total marks = 32 marks.

#### Key Facts:

Exam Board: AQA

Course code: 8702

Examinations: Worth 100% of the qualification. You will sit 2 exams.

The exams are both **closed book**, which means you are not allowed copies of the texts with you in the exams



### **BEST CONDITIONS FOR REVISION**

- No distractions in a room by themselves, no phones/tv/gaming consoles
- Not hungry after a meal or with snacks
- Not tired in academic mentoring sessions students have been discussing what time of the day/week works best for them personally
- Not last minute this can lead to cramming and them feeling very overwhelmed and stressed.
- Equipped have all your resources ready before you start so you don't need to leave your workspace to get a pen/notes/books etc.



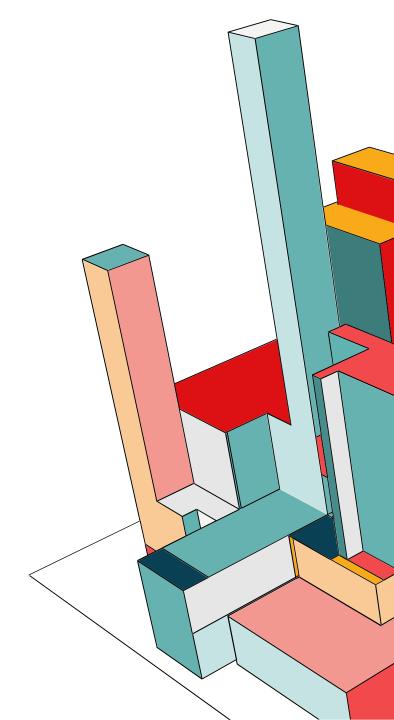
### **REVISION STRATEGIES PROVEN TO BE LESS EFFECTIVE**

Reading over notes

Copying things out repeatedly

Cramming the night before!

Not allowing yourself to have any breaks



# REVISION STRATEGIES 1. Retrieval Practice

- To be done without notes or other revision materials
- Forcing us to **recall from memory** is a really effective technique
- This is **thinking hard** it is more challenging than reading notes but also far more effective.
- You will see the gaps in your knowledge and can then target certain areas





- 1. Read some information
- 2. Cover it up
- 3. Try and remember it and write it out/verbalise it to someone studying with you
- 4. Check if you were right learn from mistakes



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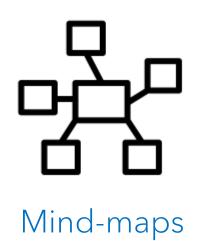
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Why is the motif of blood significant in Macbeth?									
1. Presence of blood acts as an obvious reminder of injury and death. 2. Reminds characters of the consequences of their actions. 3. Imaginary blood is even more important – blood becomes symbolic of guilt. 4. Eventually, bloody hands motif is linked to									

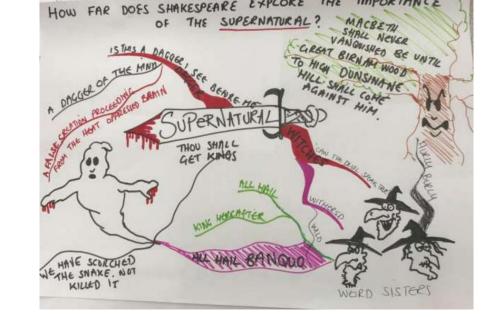
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### Flashcards

One great thing about flashcards is that anyone can help you revise, they don't have to have any knowledge of the topic as the answers are on the back! Type 2: Quotation. For English, you might want to test yourself on who said the quote, or what linguistic/ structural device is shown in that quotation.

Type 3: Question and Answer. Ask yourself a question on one side, then give possible answers on the other side.

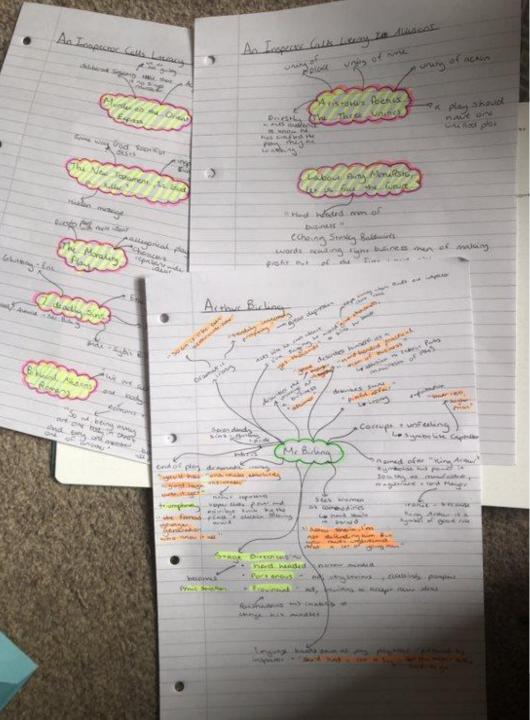




Helps your brain to form connections and links between topics, perfect for essays or subjects that require longer answers

Using bright colours, and a key, can help you remember visuals.

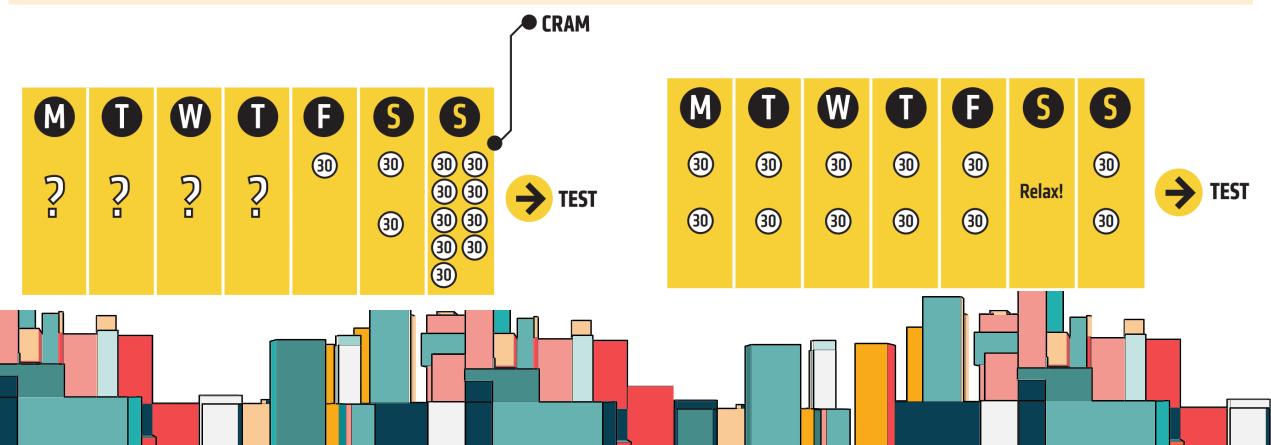
Easy to add to as you revise or learn more



# **REVISION STRATEGIES**



- It's really important to revise little and often this ensures knowledge enters your longterm memory.
- Do not cram! This overloads your short-term memory and does not work.

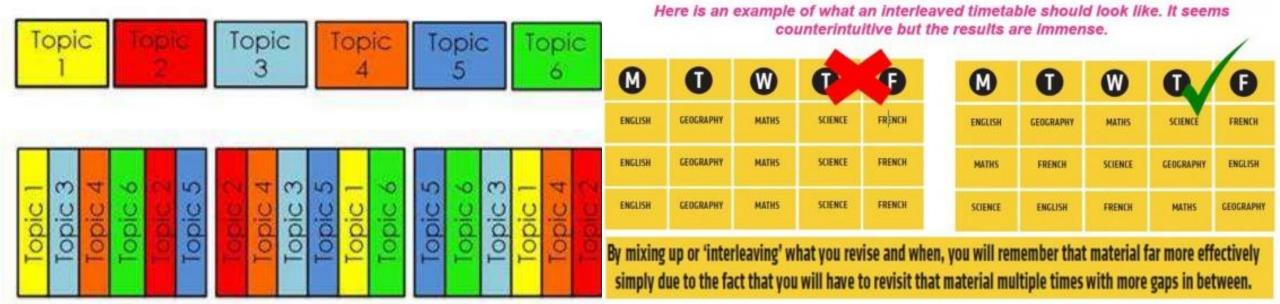


## REVISION STRATEGIES 3. Interleaving

By mixing up or 'interleaving' what you revise and when, you will remember that material far more effectively simply due to the fact that you will have to revisit that material multiple times with more gaps in between.

• Creating revision timetables that incorporate all your different subjects is a great idea

Blocking vs interleaving



# REVISION STRATEGIES 4. Practice Questions

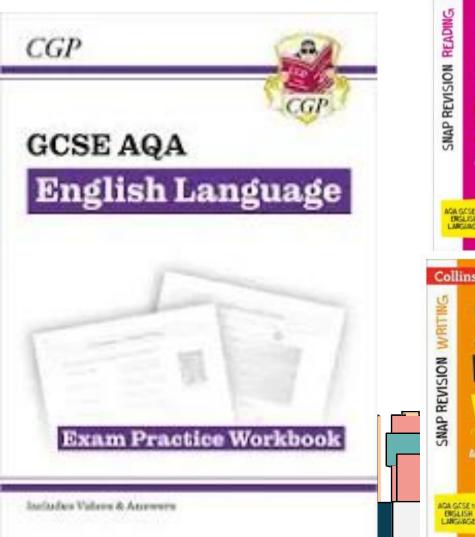
 Past papers - Completing past papers in timed conditions is vital. Students should aim to complete 1 per week in the coming weeks towards the exam.

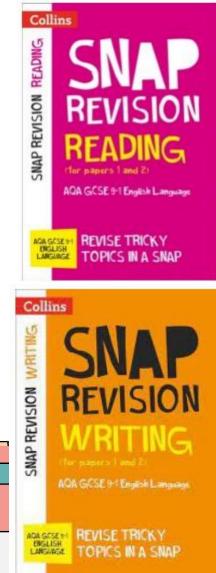
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• Revision Guide questions







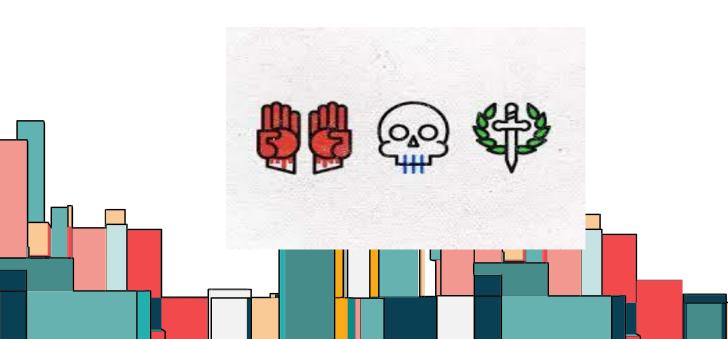
# REVISION STRATEGIES 5. Low-stakes quizzing

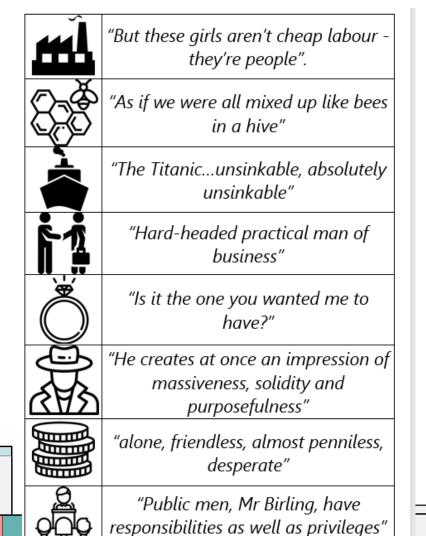
- With friends/family
- Websites e.g. Check and Challenge on GCSE Pod
- Revision guides

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# REVISION STRATEGIES 6. Dual-coding/pictograms

- Good for visual learners
- Creative/imaginative way to revise and learn
- Can be used on flashcards





### REVISION STRATEGIES 7. Pomodoro Technique

 25 minute bursts – your brain struggles to focus longer than this.

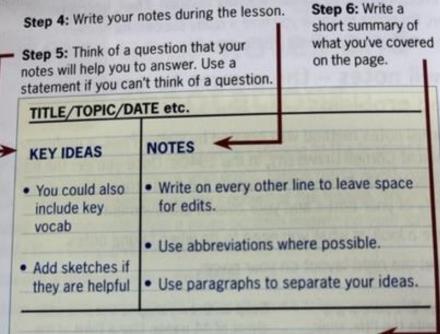




REVISION STRATEGIES 8. Cornell Notes How to use Cornell notes

Open your book to the relevant page of ideas and read through it.

Next, follow the method of what to write and where to write it:



Cover the note section with another sheet of paper so that you can only see the questions column

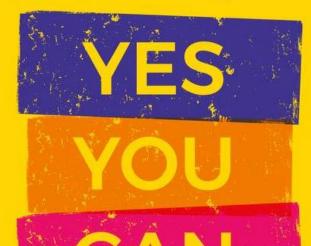
Practise reading the questions, and either saying or writing out the notes that answer that question.

Don't worry about memorising exactly what you wrote in the notes section, just hold onto the key information and ideas.

### <u>1 LAST RECOMMENDED</u> BOOK...

Collins

#### You can't revise for GCSE English!



and Mark Roberts
Shows you how

### **TOP TIPS**

### Little and often

Work with others

**Revisit topics** 

Learn from mistakes and move on

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