

The Geography Exam

Paper One – Physical 35%

90 min

88 marks

- Hazards
- Living world (Hot desert option)
- Landscapes in the UK (Coast + River option)

Paper Two – Human 35%

90 min

88 marks

- Urban challenges
- Economic world
- Resource management (Water option)

Paper Three – Skills 30%

85 min

76 marks

- Issue evaluation (Deforestation in the Amazon)
- Fieldwork skills
- Eastbourne fieldwork

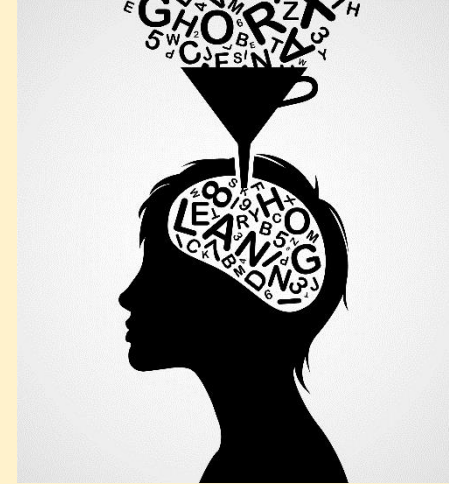
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What makes geography different...

- There is a very wide range of content you need to be able to recall.
- You will be asked to apply information to a range of different contexts - we can't predict these contexts.
- In geography, practice doesn't make perfect – it only makes permanent.

There are no shortcuts. You just need to know it.

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The good news

There is no limit to how much information your long-term memory can store.

The bad news

We aren't always good at getting the information in there; when we do we struggle to find it.



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“Memory is the residue of thought”
(Daniel T Willingham)

- To remember something we have to think hard about it.
- Human nature is to avoid thinking hard about things.
- We tend to select revision techniques that mean we don't have to *think* (highlighting notes, copying notes, writing things down as we read them).

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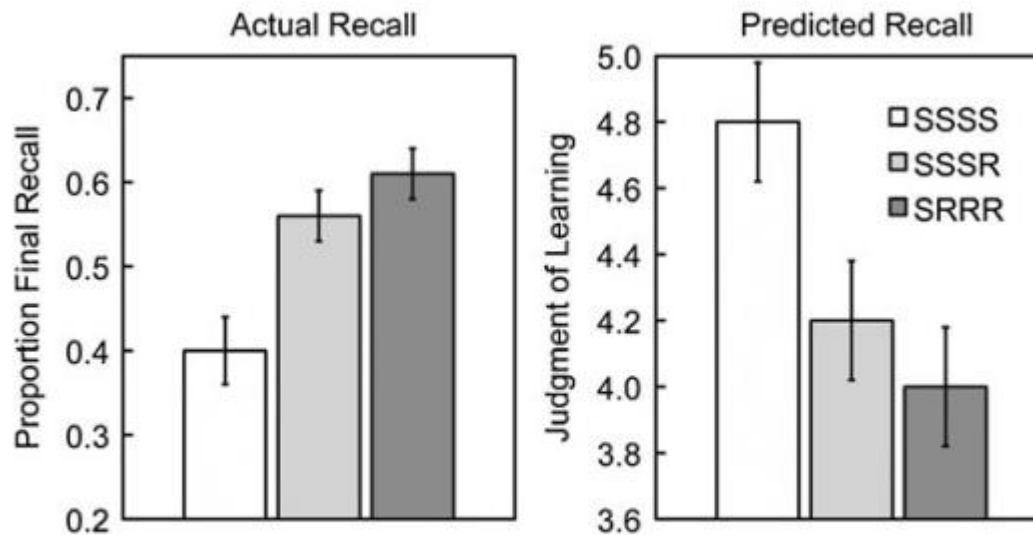


Fig. 4 Final recall (*left panel*) and judgments of learning (*right panel*) following repeated study or repeated retrieval practice of meaningful text materials. Data adapted from Experiment 2 of Roediger and Karpicke (2006b). The pattern of students' metacognitive judgments (predicted recall) was exactly the opposite of the pattern of students' actual long-term retention

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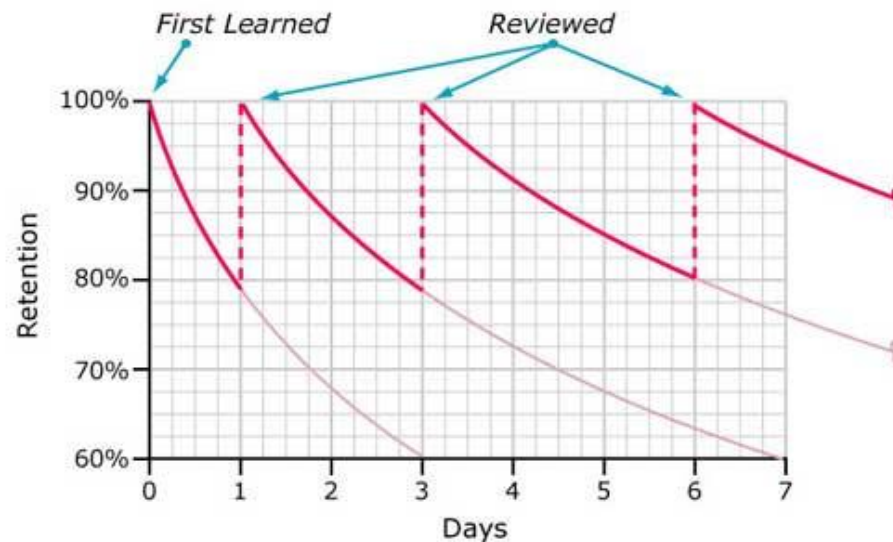
The solution

“Weighing the pig won’t make it fatter”
(John Dewey)

Actually, it will.

- Recall strengthens memory.
- Spacing & Interleaving (mixing up related topics) makes the effect even stronger.
- Getting a question wrong makes the right answer stick.
- Misconceptions need to be addressed as soon as possible.

Typical Forgetting Curve for Newly Learned Information



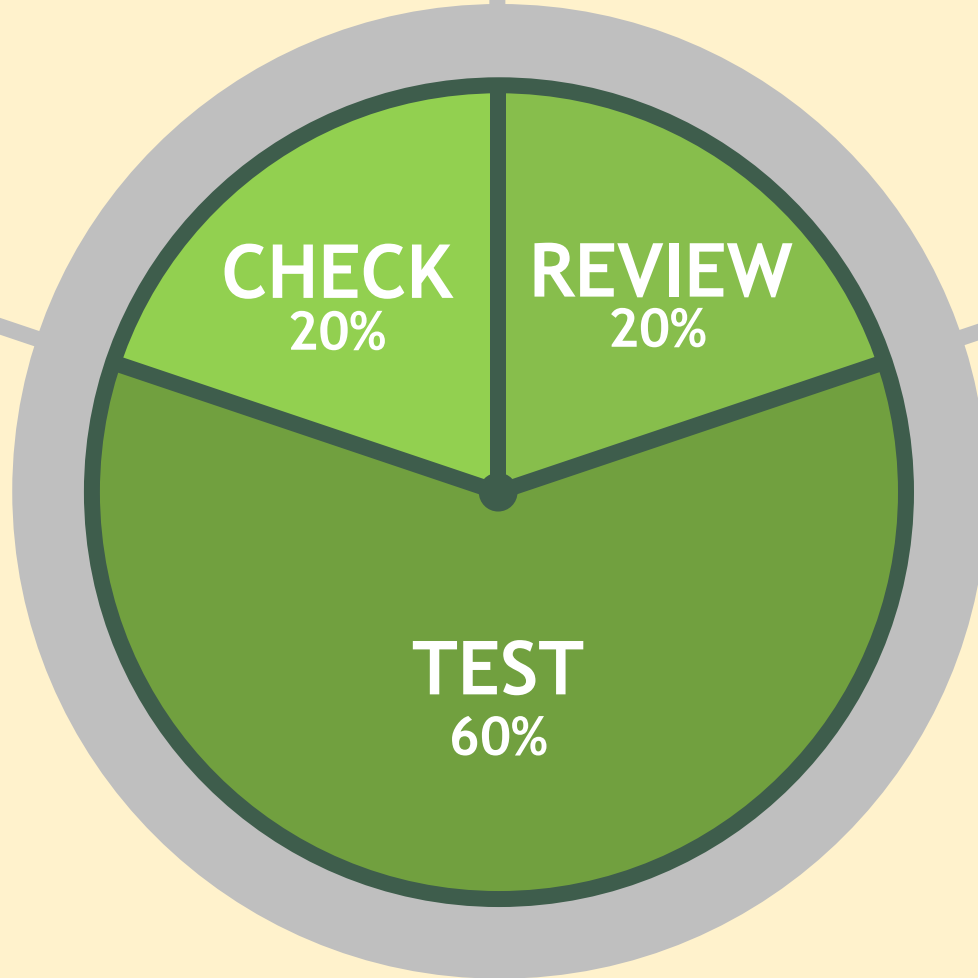
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Plan:

Correct

Elaborate

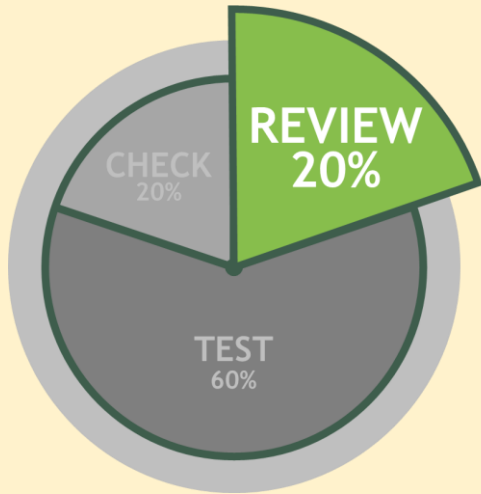
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Recreate

Test

Plan a revision session in... Geography



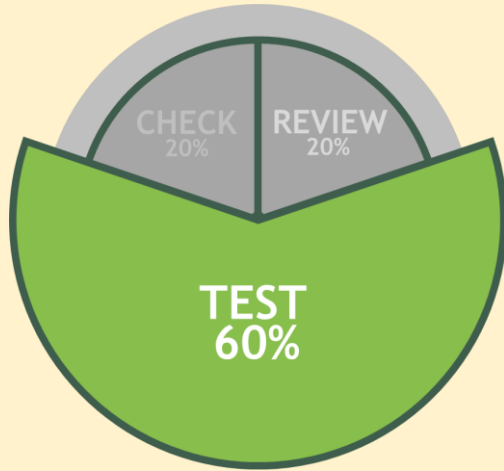
Plan:

1. Use your PLCs to check where your areas of weakness are in a topic.
2. Decide how you are going to address these areas of weakness.
 - Answer exam questions
 - Make a mind map
 - Quiz yourself
 - Use the case study booklet
 - Use the guided revision activities

Elaborate:

1. Use your exercise book or revision guide to make notes.
2. Define key words.
3. Look at model answers.
4. Complete a case study sheet from the booklet on firefly.

Plan a revision session in...Geography



Test: THE IMPORTANT BIT

1. Complete an exam question - in exam conditions
2. Quiz yourself on what you have read
3. Create a mind map of the topic/case study without referring to your notes.
4. Complete some of the guided revision activities.
5. Use the case study booklet.

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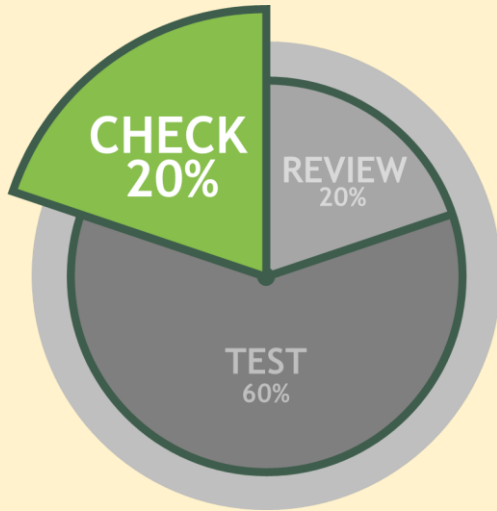
Get everything ready before you begin.

You *must* do this without your notes.

Put away your phone and turn off the TV.

Music only helps if it is drowning out a bigger distraction.

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Check:

1. Check your work against a mark scheme where possible.
2. Check against your notes or a revision guide.
3. Check against a friend's work.
4. Ask a family member to check your work.

Correct:

1. Make improvements to your answer.
2. Add information you had missed.
3. Correct common spelling and grammar issues (their, there, they're or enviroment).
4. Add more subject specific terminology - NO *stuff* or *pollution*.

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Resources

- Quizzes are available on BBC Bitesize – link on **Firefly**.
- Case study revision guide is available on **Firefly**.
- Guided activities are available on **Firefly**.
- Practice papers are available on **Firefly**.
- There are a range of useful revision guides – Hodder and BBC.
- You have your exercise books.
- Your teachers are available. Use us!