

Preparation & Revision Guidance

Year 8 Information Evening

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5 key strategies for developing independent study and revision

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QUIZZING



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SPACING



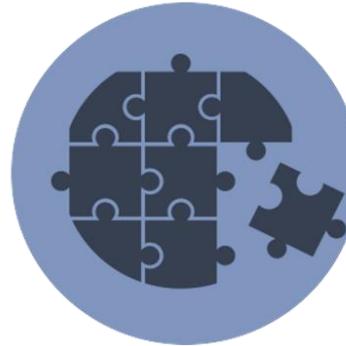
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6 Steps to Improving Independent Study & Revision



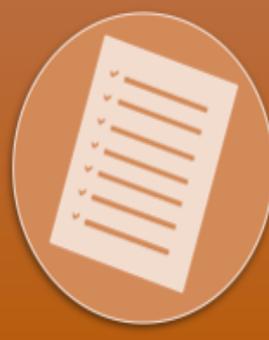
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Suggested Plan of Action

Units, Topics & Concepts

Ensure that you have a clear understanding of Units, Topics and Concepts for each subject.

Ask your teachers if you do not have this.

Study Timetable

Plan a study timetable that is clear about what you will study, where and when.

Think about "Spacing" while you do this and include "Chunking", "Quizzing", "Elaboration" & "Metacognition"

Study

Use "Chunking",
"Quizzing",
"Elaboration" &
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Review

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**...Study &
Do**

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SPACING



Spacing

Studies have shown the benefits of a variety of revision and learning strategies have an impact on retention. Spacing combines timing and types of revision to encourage the learner to think about what they are reviewing and distributing their efforts over time...

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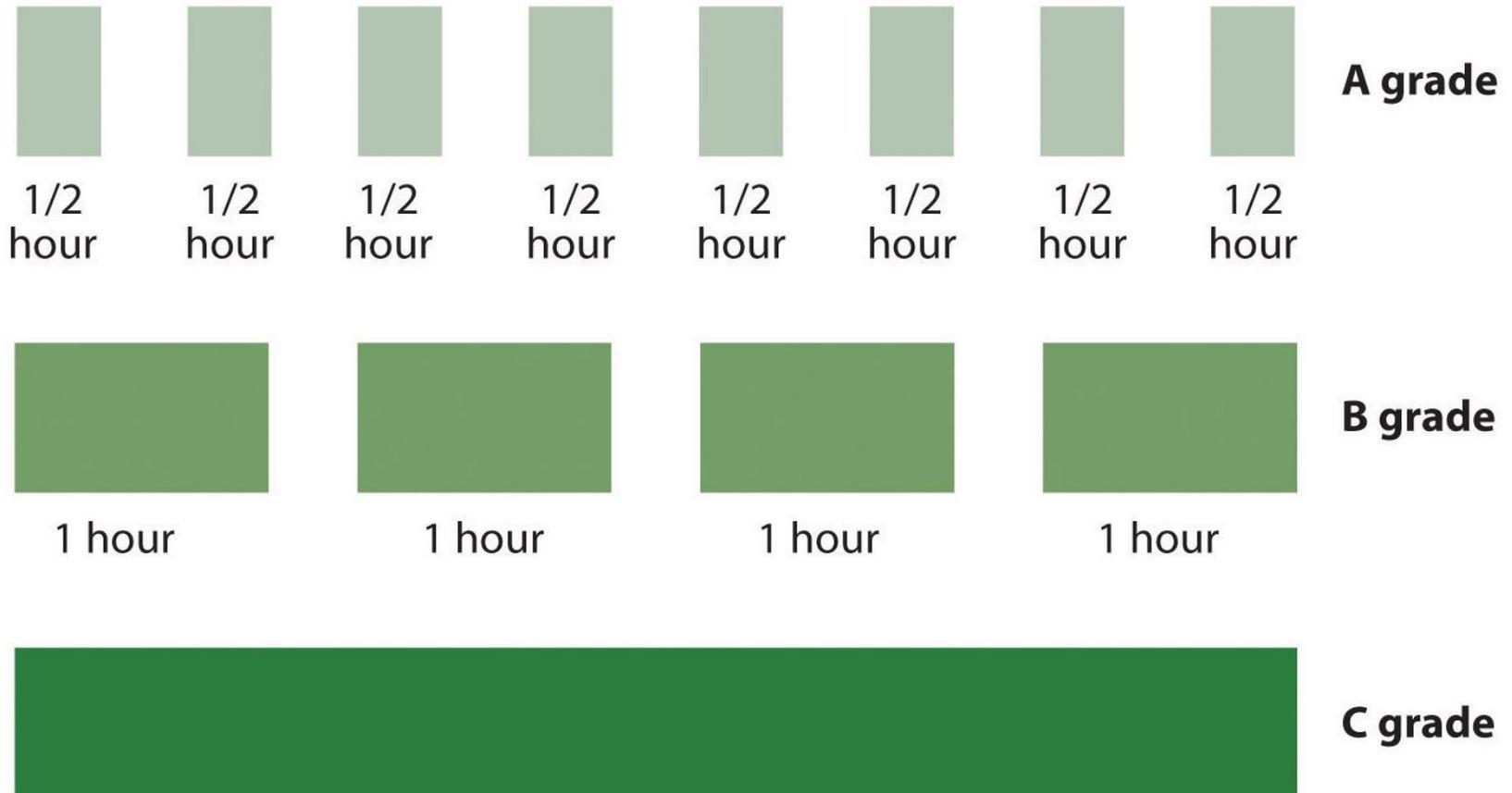
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eat. sleep. revise. And repeat.

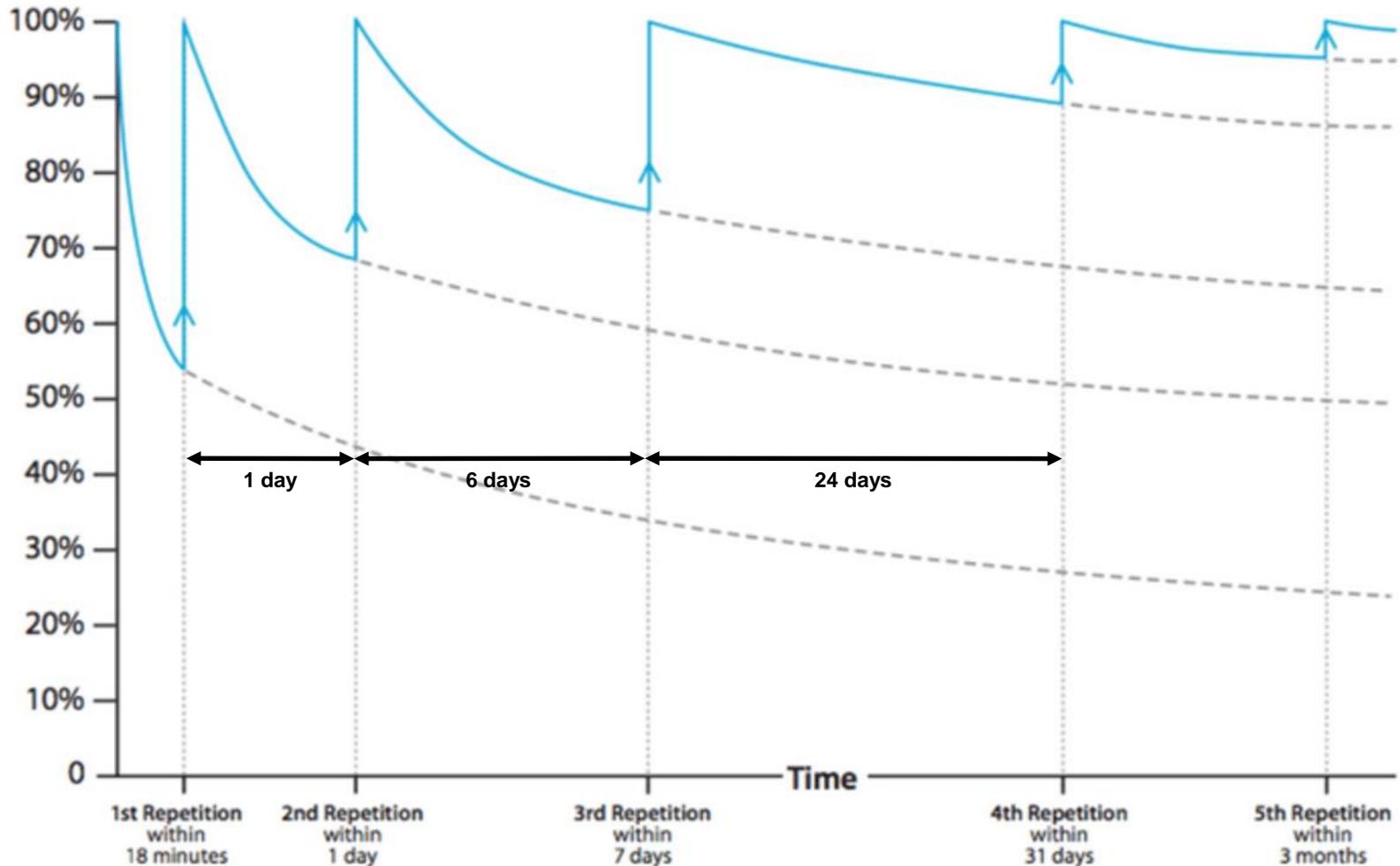
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What is “Spacing”?



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Why does “Spacing” work?



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Example of a "Spaced" Revision Timetable

	Science		RS	English	Maths		
	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday	Sunday
30 mins	Reactions of carbonyl compounds	Biblical examples of experiences	Otto's concept of numinous	Jacobean theatre	Esters, triglycerides and fats	William James - experiences	Properties carboxylic acids
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BREAK							
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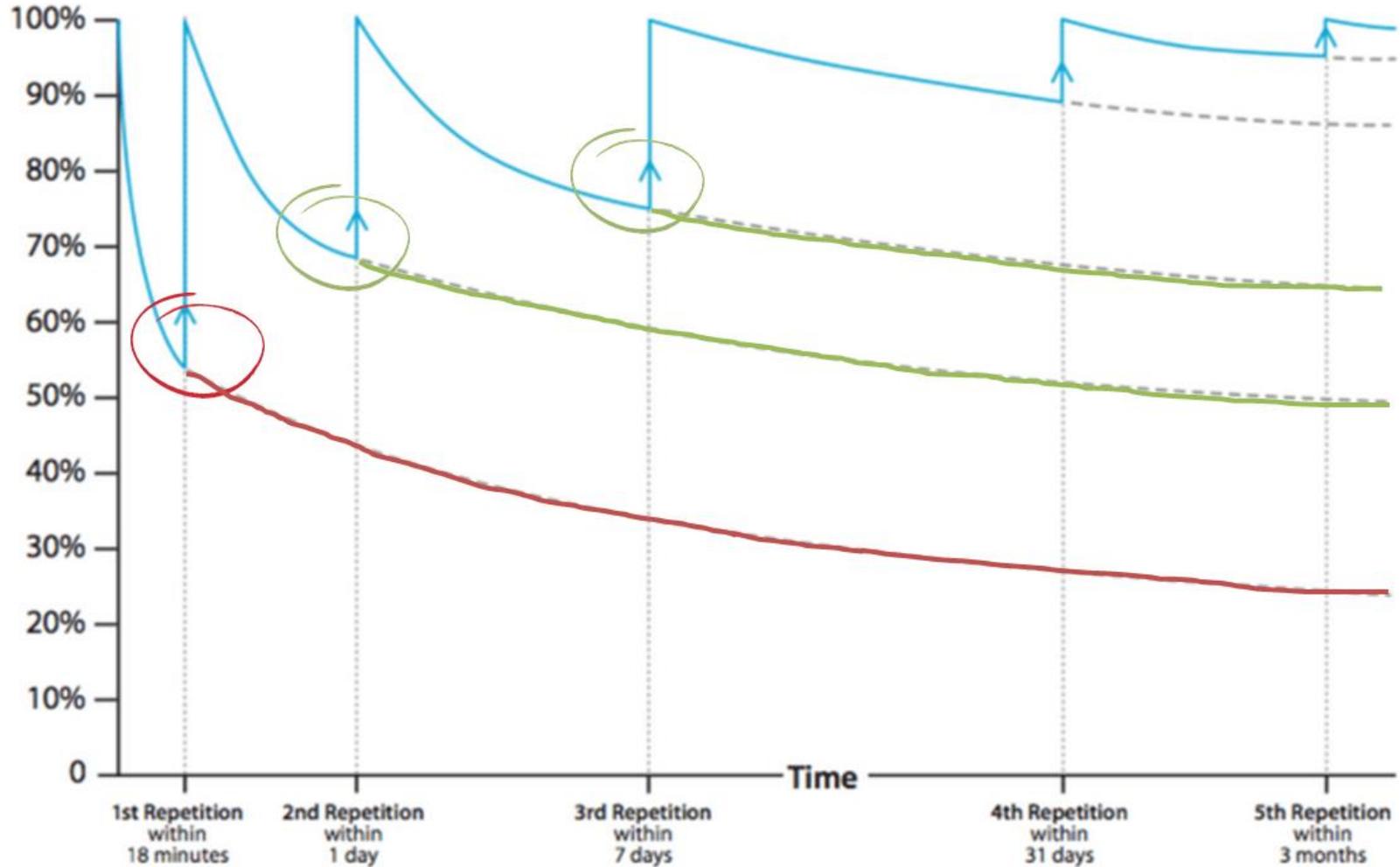


Quizzing

Studies have repeatedly demonstrated that quizzing each other based on studied material promotes remembering that material for an examination, a phenomenon called the “testing effect” ...

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What is “Quizzing” and why does it work?



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What does “Quizzing” look like?

1. Comprehension & Context - an example from “An Inspector Calls”

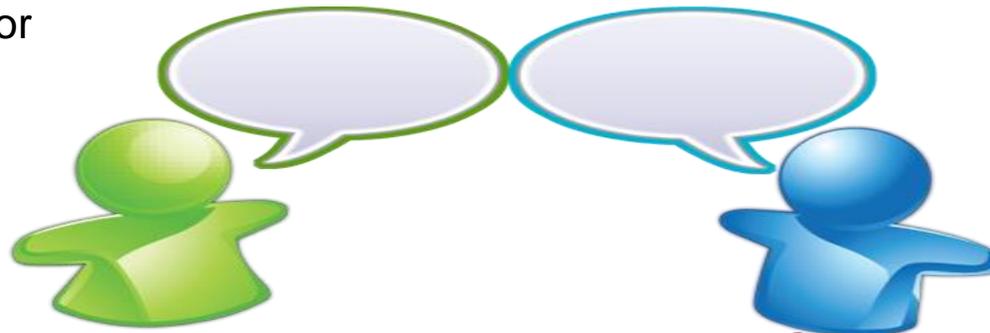
- Where did Priestley grow up and how did this inform his political opinions?
- How were women’s roles different in 1912 (when the play is set) and 1945 (when the play was written)?

2. Cued Recall - an example from “Macbeth”

- Complete this line: “When the battle’s _____”
- Complete this line: “Stars, hide your fires; Let not light see my _____”

3. Multiple Choice – an example from “An Inspector Calls”

- In the opening stage directions, who is described as Mr Birling’s social superior?
 - a. Gerald
 - b. Sir George
 - c. Mrs Birling
 - d. The Inspector



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What does “Quizzing” look like?

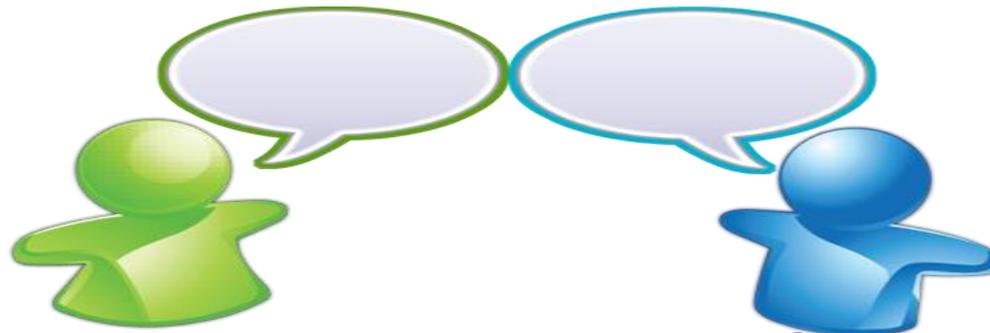
Mutiple Choice - an example from “The Boy in Striped Pyjamas”

What does Bruno arrive home to find the maid Maria doing in the opening of Chapter One: "Bruno Makes a Discovery"?

- a. Packing his belongings.
- b. Trying to start the car engine.
- c. Weeping uncontrollably.
- d. Killing a mouse in the kitchen.

What color hair is Bruno’s mother described as having in Chapter One: "Bruno Makes a Discovery"?

- a. Black
- b. Blonde
- c. Red
- d. Brown



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Setting up some “Cue-Cards”

Something to help with Geography

Birth rate – The number of live births per 1000 of the population.

Infant mortality - The average number of children per 1000 born who die in their first year of life.

Natural Increase - The difference between the birth rate and the death rate

Migration - When people move from one place to another. It can be within the same country (internal) or across national boundaries (international).

Refugee - A person who has been forced to leave their country because it is not safe for them to stay because of persecution or war, and who has been granted permission to stay in a country where they feel safe.

Push factors – Negative factors such as war, poor health care or natural disasters that push people away from where they currently live.

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ELABORATION

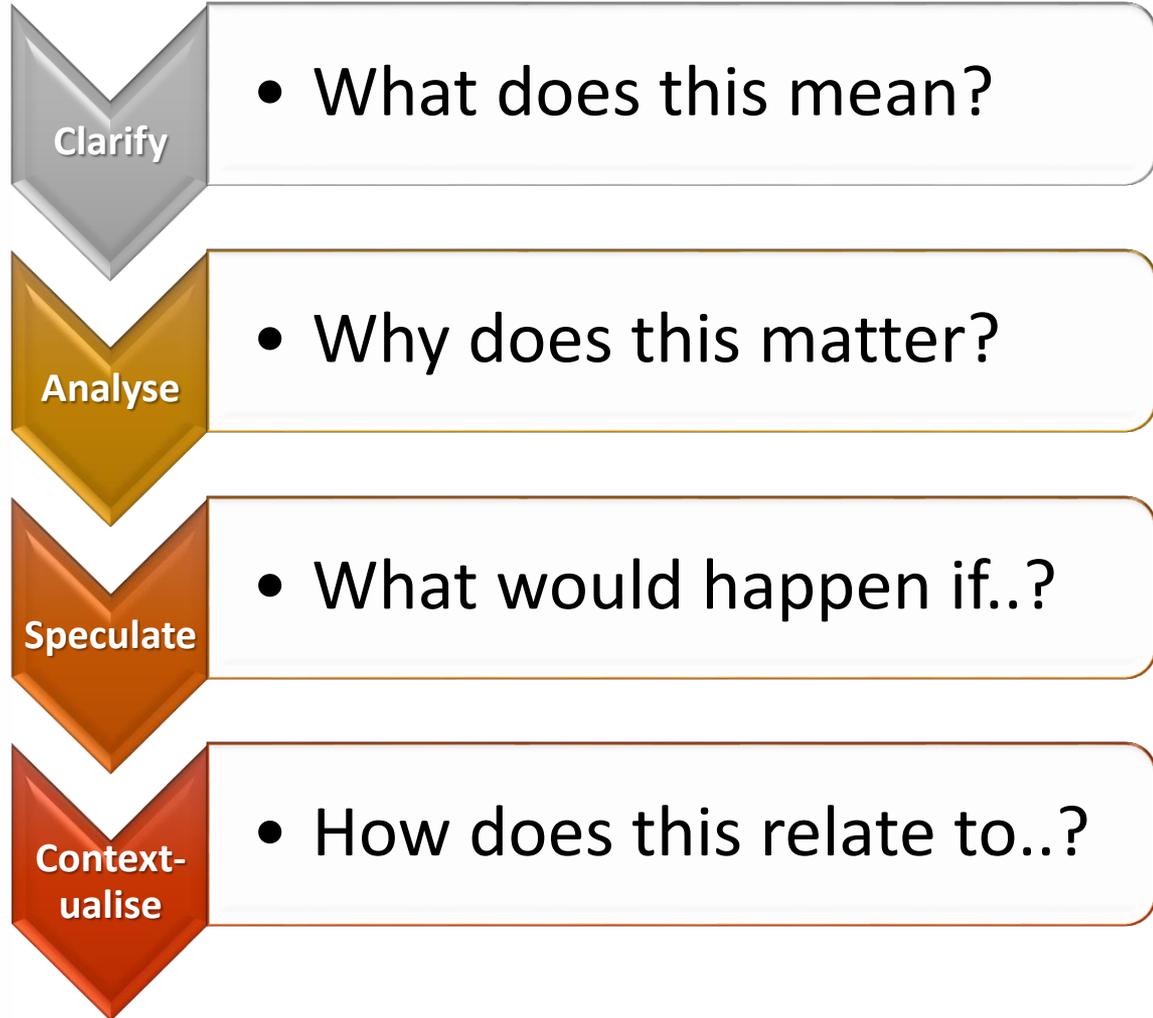


Elaboration

Students often struggle to provide concrete examples that demonstrate their understanding of the content being assessed, and with connecting their ideas back to the focus of the question. The “Elaboration” technique leads to greater understanding of the content of learning and enables better explanation and evidence...

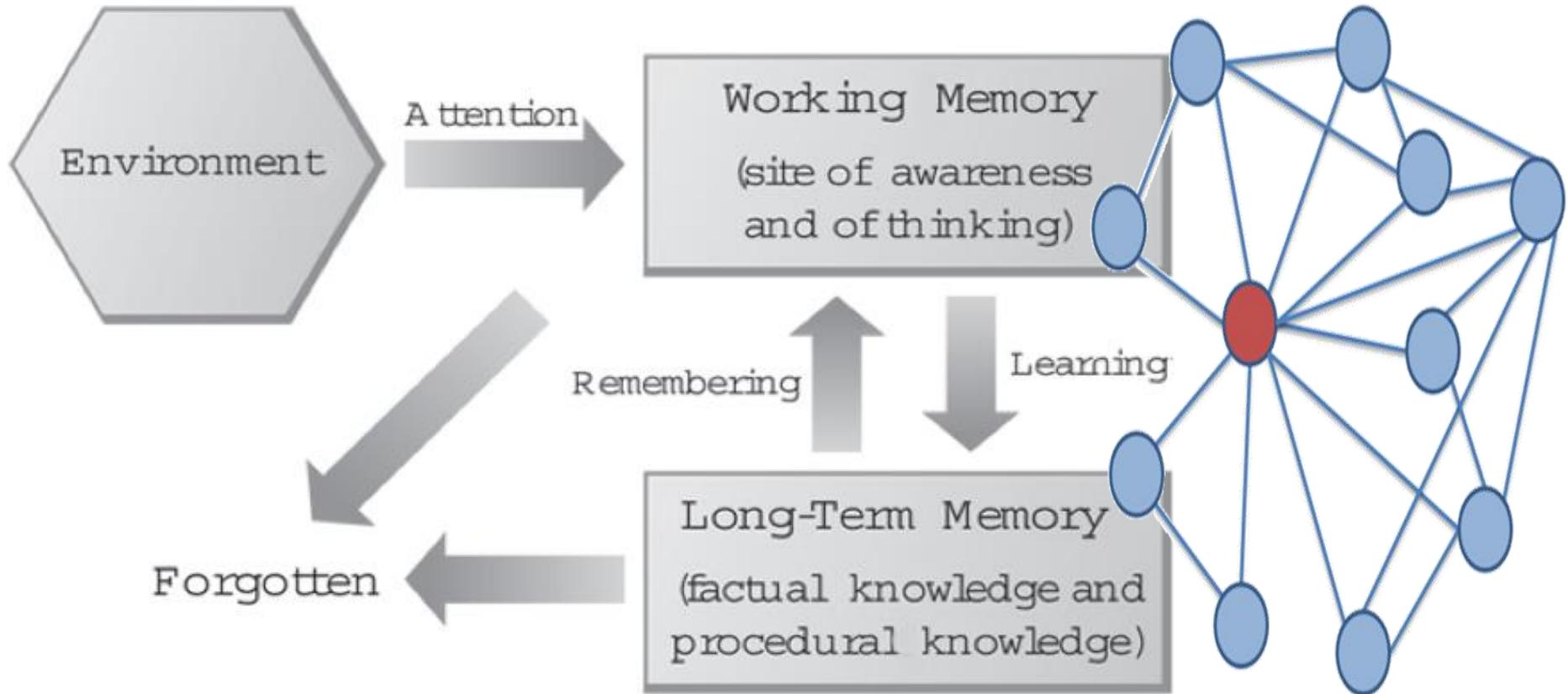
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What is “Elaboration”?



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Why does “Elaboration” work?



“Elaboration” work to combine learning and remembering to form a network of links between knowledge that exists within your memory. Making it easier to retain and recall detailed information and use it when answering examination questions, and in life in general.

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What does “Elaboration” look like?

Computer Science

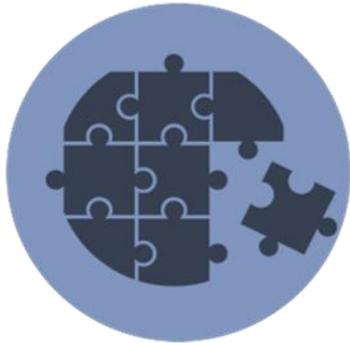
- What is a “digital footprint”?
- How is a digital footprint created?
- What could happen to a person’s digital footprint?
- How does a digital footprint link to fraud?

History

- When was the “Industrial Revolution” in the UK?
- Why did the UK change so much during it?
- What would our lives be like if it hadn’t happened when it did?
- What were the impacts on the population’s health (e.g. Cholera)?

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CHUNKING

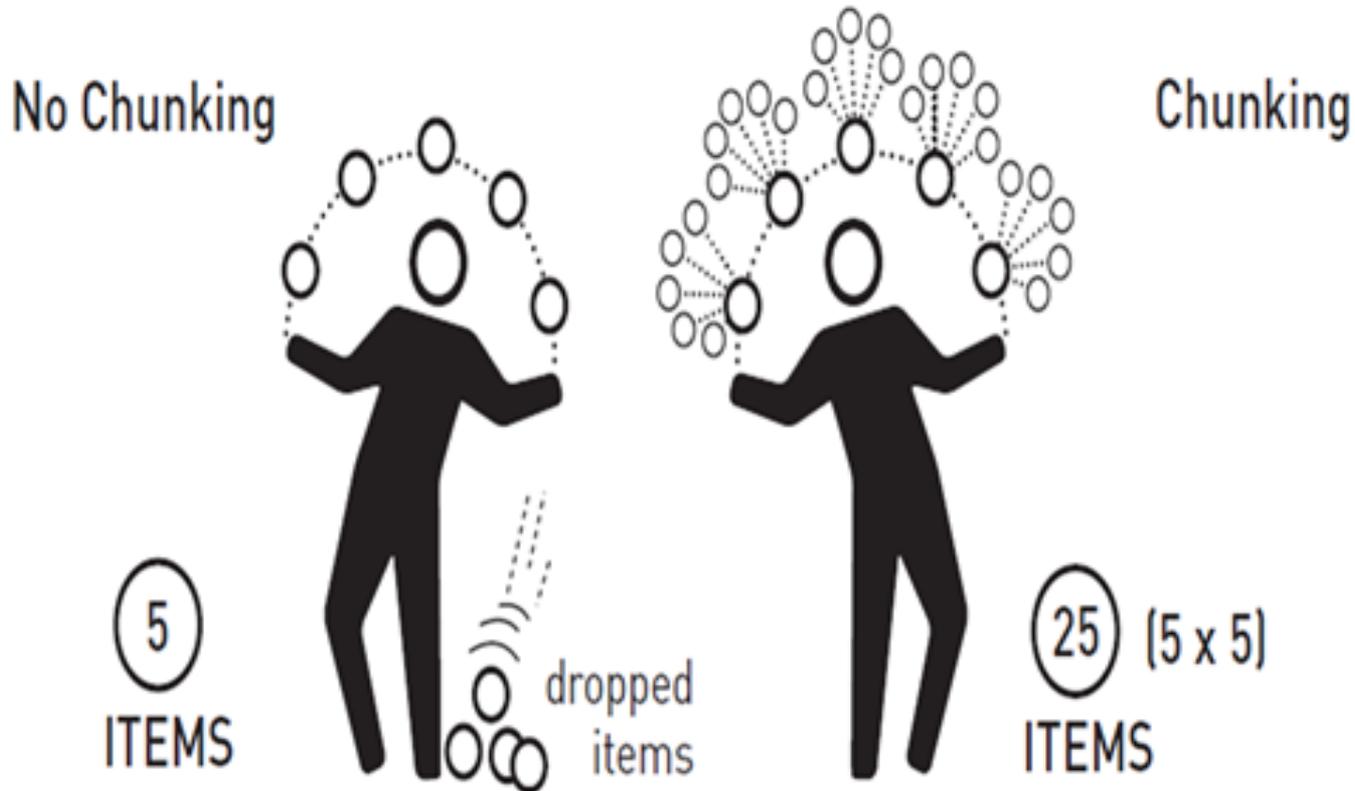


Chunking

Most of us are able to store only about four to seven different items in our short-term memory. One way to get past this limit is to use a technique called chunking. By grouping several items into one larger whole, you'll be able to remember much more...

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What is “Chunking”?



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How does “Chunking” work?

Focus

Give your full attention to learning

Understand

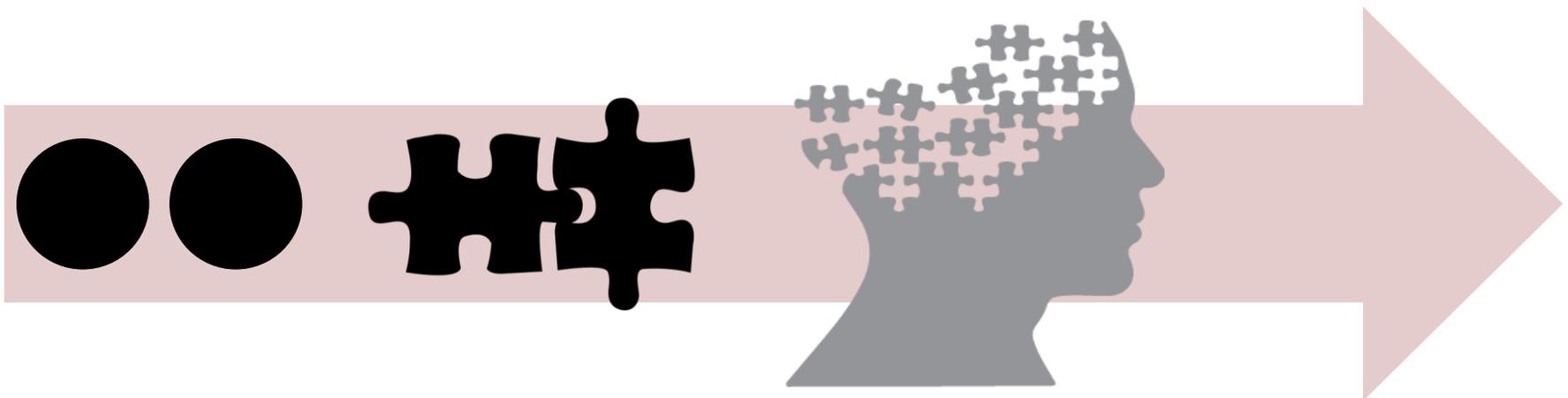
Ensure that you understand the material before chunking it

Chunk

Break down the learning into its conceptual parts

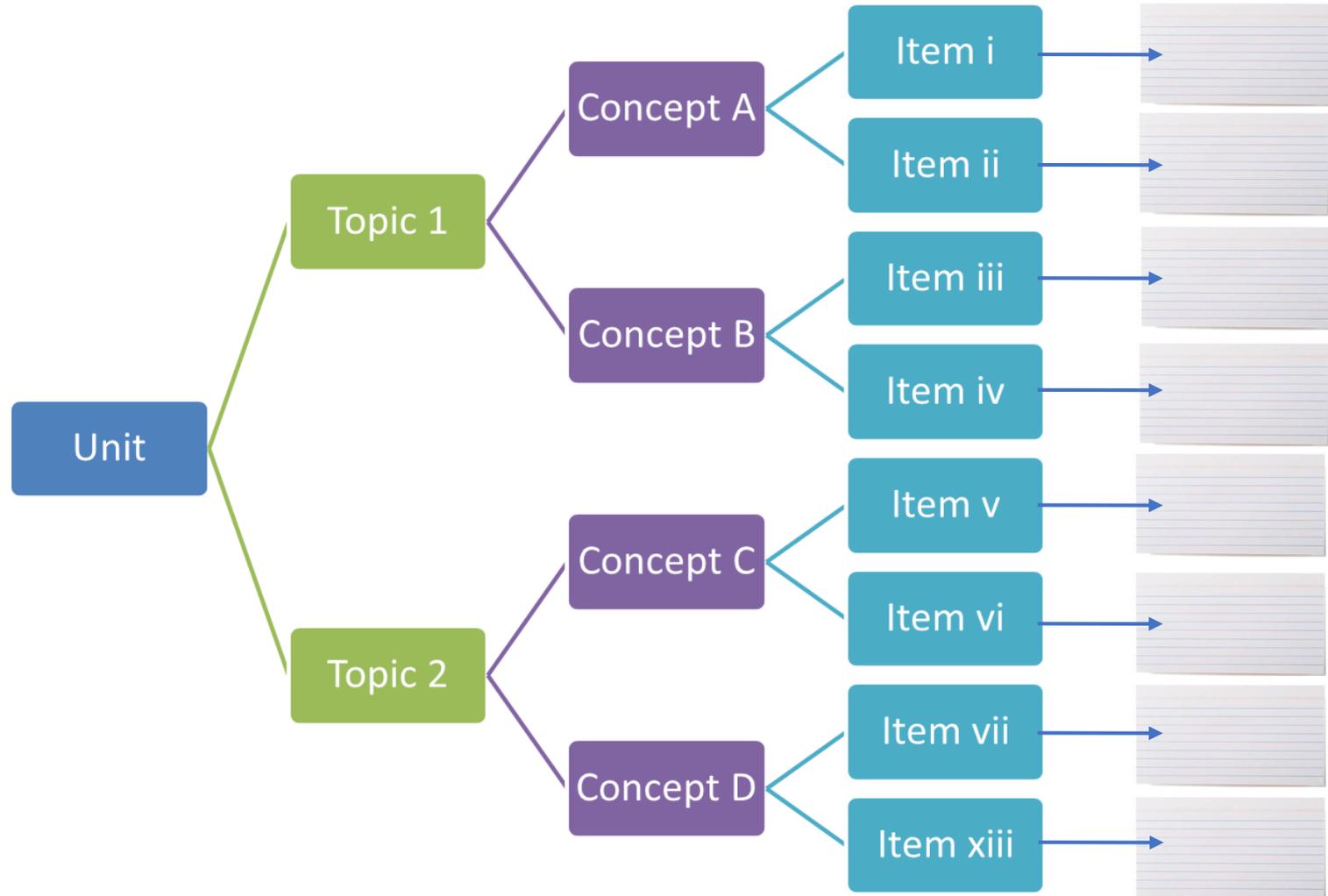
Contextualise

Use your understanding to see when, where and how to apply it



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How does “Chunking” work?



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Examples of “Chunking”

On the FRONT

**Reactants &
Products**



Reactants & Products:

- Reactants** are substances (i.e. elements or compounds) that change into other substances called **Products**
- The change happens through chemical reactions
- A chemical reaction follows this format:
Reactants → Products
- For example:
Iron Sulphide + Oxygen → Iron Oxide + Sulphur Dioxide

On the BACK

Magnesium



Magnesium:

- Chemical symbol is **Mg**
- It is a metal
- It looks shiny grey
- It burns very easily in air.
- For example:
Magnesium + Oxygen → Magnesium Oxide + Energy

Using “Chunking” with “Elaboration”

Concept Cards

The three unities

Realism

Naturalism

Elaboration Cues

Draw this concept

**Describe concept without
using words on the card**

**Give a real life example of
this concept**

**What is the opposite of this
concept?**

**How would you explain this
idea to a novice?**

**How does this concept relate
to another concept?**

5

METACOGNITION



Metacognition

Before competing, many athletes will close their eyes and visualise themselves performing the perfect jump/throw/race/etc... This is a form of “Metacognition” called mental rehearsal, and with other forms they can combine to give you a great advantage in preparation for examinations...

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What is “Metacognition”?



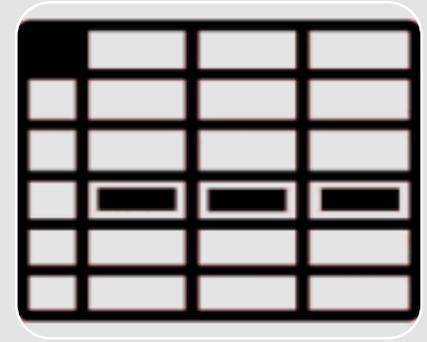
Knowing steps and timings involved in assessments e.g. through “Walking Talking Mocks” (WTM)



Drawing on coping strategies e.g. acronyms, checklists



Using aids to recall key information e.g. “*memory palaces*” and mnemonics



Evaluating your work against objectives or targets set by yourself or a teacher e.g. a Personal Learning Checklist (PLC)

What does “Metacognition” look like?

When a question requires a long answer, having a plan of how you will work through providing that answer will help you to remain calm and focussed, and avoid any problems that might arise from nerves.

For example:

1. Highlight the key **command word** in the question (e.g. “Describe”, “Explain”, etc...).
2. Highlight the key **knowledge content** that the question is wanting you to respond to/with.
3. Think about what you know about that would help to answer the question and write those points quickly in the margin.
4. Use your quick notes to write your answer and then check back to make sure you have covered everything.

Analyse how the **writer uses language to describe** the accident.

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What does “Metacognition” look like?

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- **Point**
- At the start of the play, Macbeth is presented as a valuable asset to Duncan’s army.

E

- **Example**
- We see this in the quote, ‘For brave Macbeth – well he deserves that name – ‘

T

- **Technique**
- Here Shakespeare has used parenthesis to place extra information inside the dashes.

E

- **Explore**
- You can imagine the actor playing the Captain, emphasising these words as he spoke them.

R

- **Refer to question**
- By doing this he would be pointing out to the audience just how valued Macbeth was to the king at the start of the play.

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Thank you for coming!

We hope that you have found this information evening useful and that you are able to take something away from it to use to support you.

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