



Revision Tutorial Series

What is revision and how can we revise effectively?

Mocks in December

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- Highlighting key words/passages in notes
- Flash cards
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Hands up those who do each of these as revision techniques:



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But good news, these are proven to be great ways to revise!



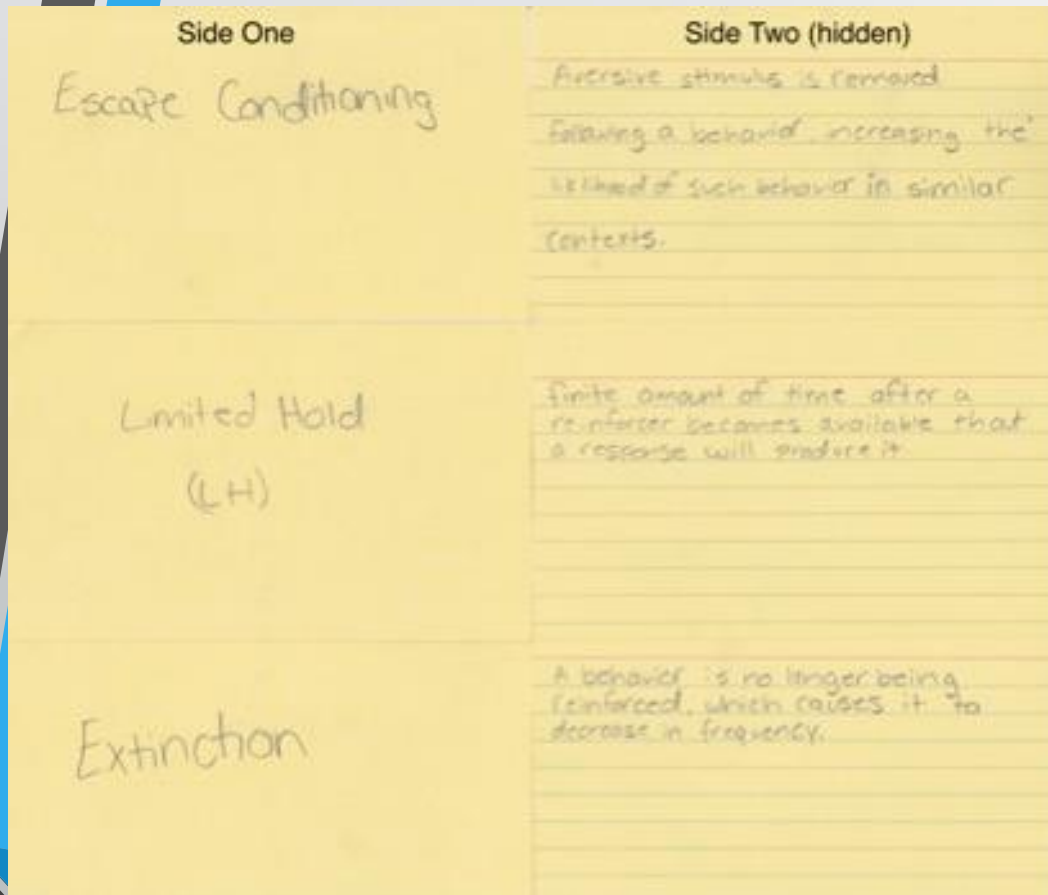
Flash Cards

Flash cards – effective, inexpensive, portable and versatile.

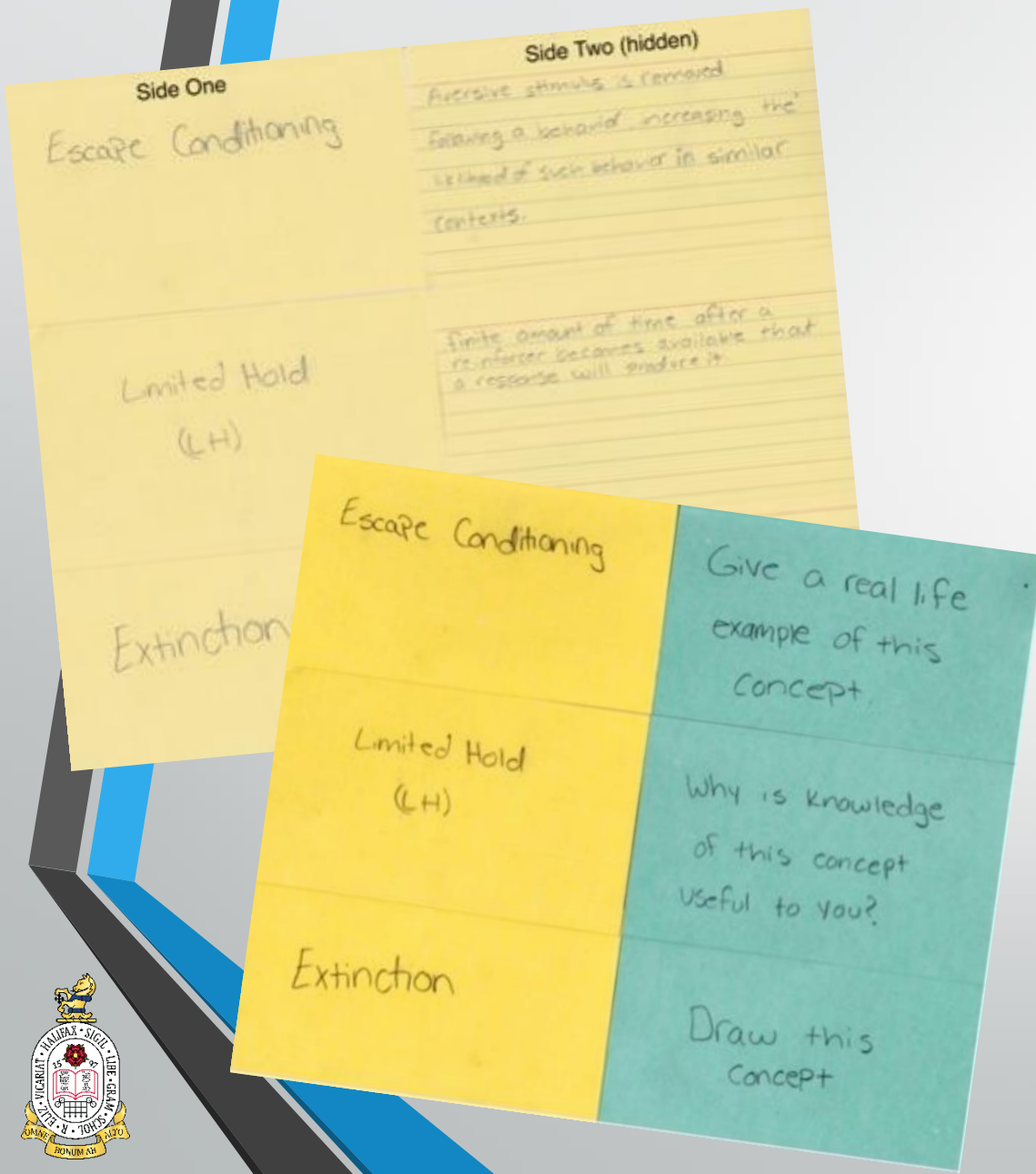


Flash Cards-Keep it simple

- Flash cards should not become miniature versions of the text book.
- They should not be seen as a portable version of your notes but as a *revision tool*.
- Avoid too much text.
- One side should be seen as a prompt and the reverse an elaboration/definition/explanation you should be able to recall.



Flash Cards-Command Cards



- You can create a set of 'command cards' to use along side each set of flash cards.
- These can be useful once you are secure on the content of your set of cards and help you to link topics, give more detailed explanations and strengthen the move from short term memory to long term memory.

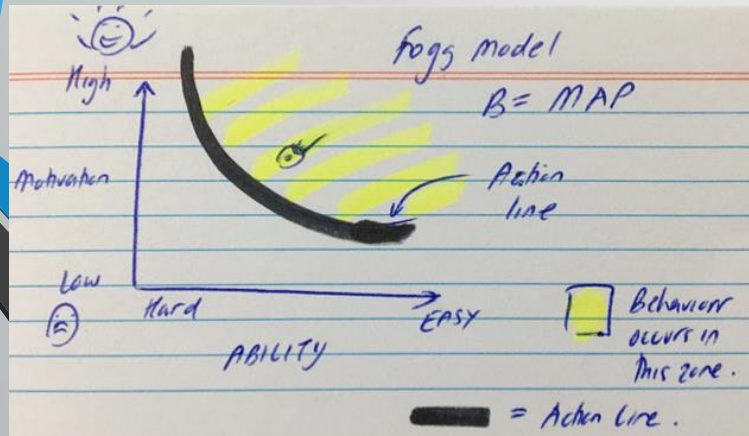
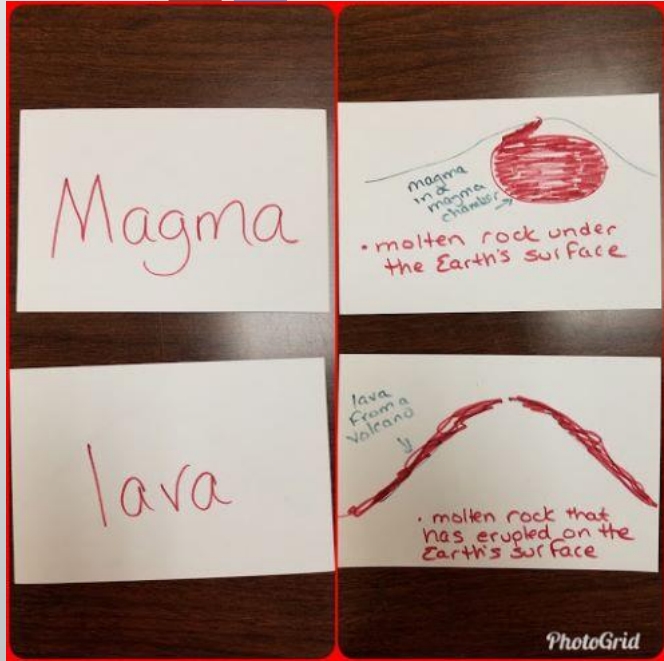


Flash Cards-Dual Coding

Very simply, dual coding is combining visuals and words.

Our brain receives information through two channels: an auditory and a visual therefore the brain remembers the information better when they have two prompts: a visual and a verbal one.

- **BONUS BENEFIT** - The act of creating these (deciding what visual is most appropriate) is an effective revision strategy in itself.



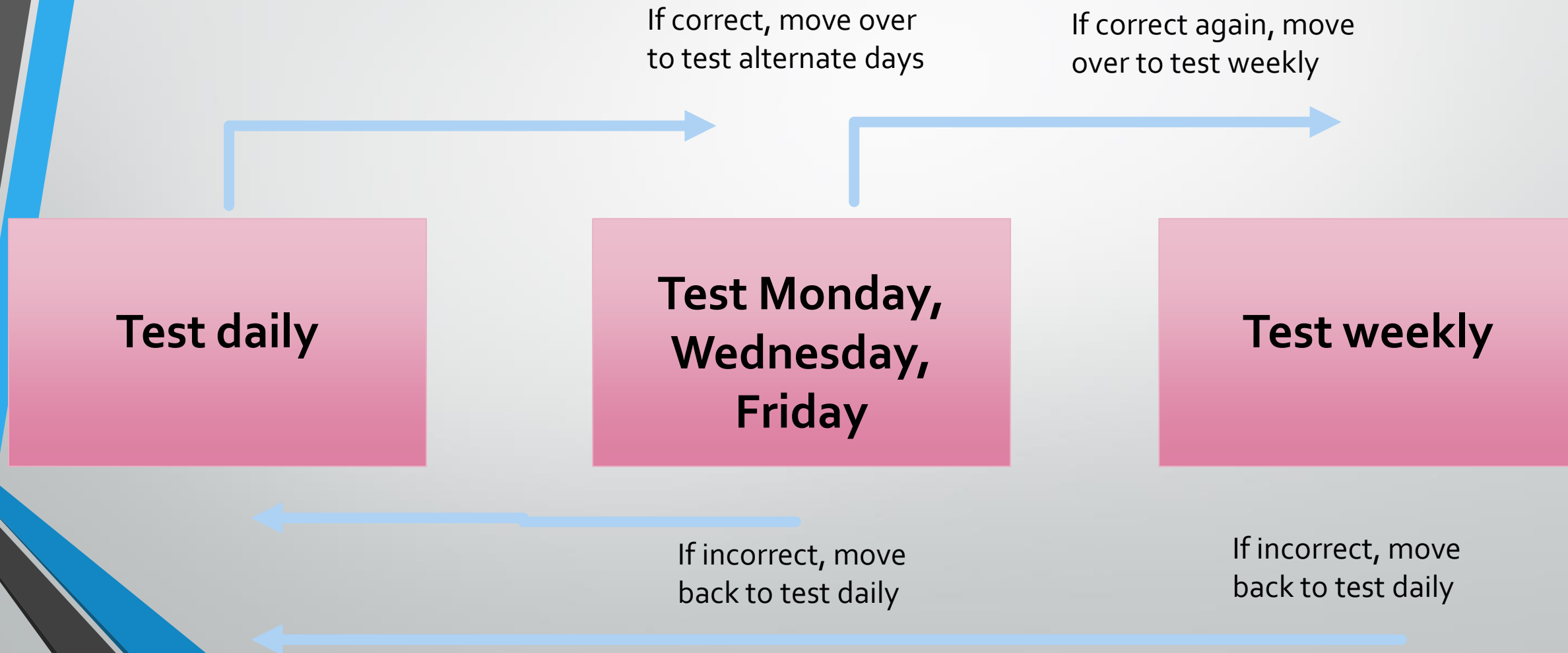


<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=C2oEvKtdJwQ>



Leitner Method

a spaced repetition tool



Consider using electronic flashcards

- Use them anywhere – on phone app. 5 minutes whilst waiting for the bus
- Combines other recall building techniques such as quizzing and timed challenges.
- Quizlet has pre-written sets (check that it is a teacher who has published them & correct exam board/specification)



Quizlet



Task

- Create a simple set of flash cards for a topic that you are learning.

Or

- Create a set of command cards you will use with others sets

- Set up your 'Leitner system' this week –
3 envelopes/paperclips/boxes/rubber bands

Please have
revision materials
with you each day
in school.

