

PREPARING FOR AS/A2



Fail to prepare
Prepare to fail

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What can a parent do to help?

Parental involvement in a child's education can make a massive difference to the success of that child

Thank you for coming this evening!



**AIMING TO
SUCCEED AT
AS/A2**

Grades – How they work (Legacy)

AS (UMS/200)	A2 (UMS/400)	Grade
160	320	A
140	280	B
120	240	C
100	200	D
80	160	E



Grades – How they work (New) Speculative!!

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Supporting your child

- Talk to them about how you can support them and what they would find helpful
- Help with organisation, providing paper/files/dividers etc
- Encourage them to get organised, emptying bags, filing work/handouts etc
- Help to create a sense of being 'in control'



Supporting your child

- Help with creating a realistic revision plan and know it yourself
- Know when the exams are
- Keep up with regular 'check-ins' but try not to nag in between times
- Show an interest and talk through difficulties
- Keep things in perspective – they may not be doing things as you would like but trust them to get there in the end!



Supporting your child

- Exams are stressful for everyone!
- Be prepared to insist on a 'break'
- Rewards
- Sleep, diet, exercise
- Listen!



Route to success:

- Exam Board materials
- Specification
- Past papers
- Mark schemes
- Examiner reports
- www.aqa.org.uk
- Teacher resources
- Student files and text books



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Planning

- Revision materials: ensure they have the correct revision materials: 'in-house' or commercial? Take advice from school
- Help to plan their revision timetable - it's the single thing that will make the biggest difference to the effectiveness of revision
- Small Achievable Goals – psychology of progress



Example Revision schedule

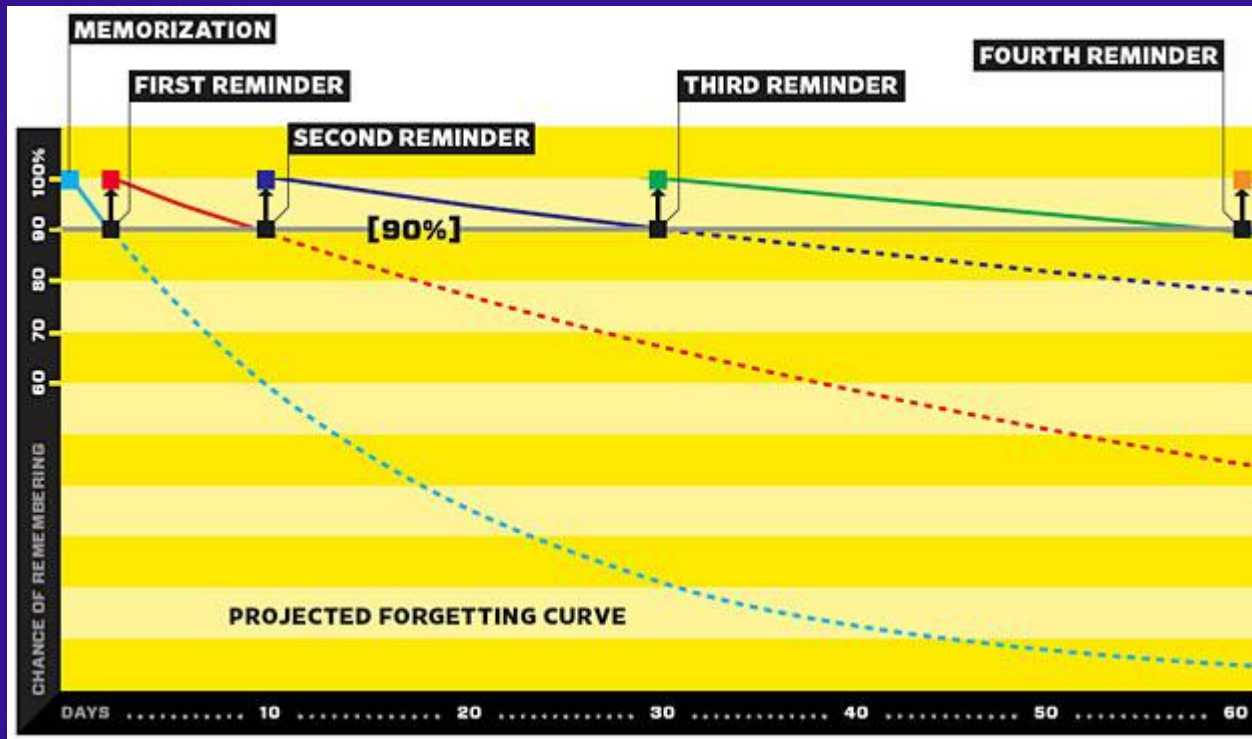
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Mon	History	Geog	Eng Lt	History	Eng Lt
Tues	Geog	Geog	History	Eng Lt	
Wed					
Thurs	Liberal Reforms – Why?	Factors affecting Population change		Liberal Reforms – What?	
Fri			Liberal Reforms – Success?		
Sat					
Sun					

Revision Plan

- Already started?
- Easter Holidays: 5-6 hours per day
- After Easter: 2-3 hours per day
- Study leave: 5-6 hours per day



Review and repetition are crucial (x5)



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How to revise

Work from a good set of notes

CHUNKING

Key Words

Post-it Notes

Flash Cards

Order/sequence



Memory techniques

- Songs and rhythm
- Visual prompts
- Spider diagrams and concept maps
- Quizzes
- Room Locator
- TEACH SOMEONE (You!!)



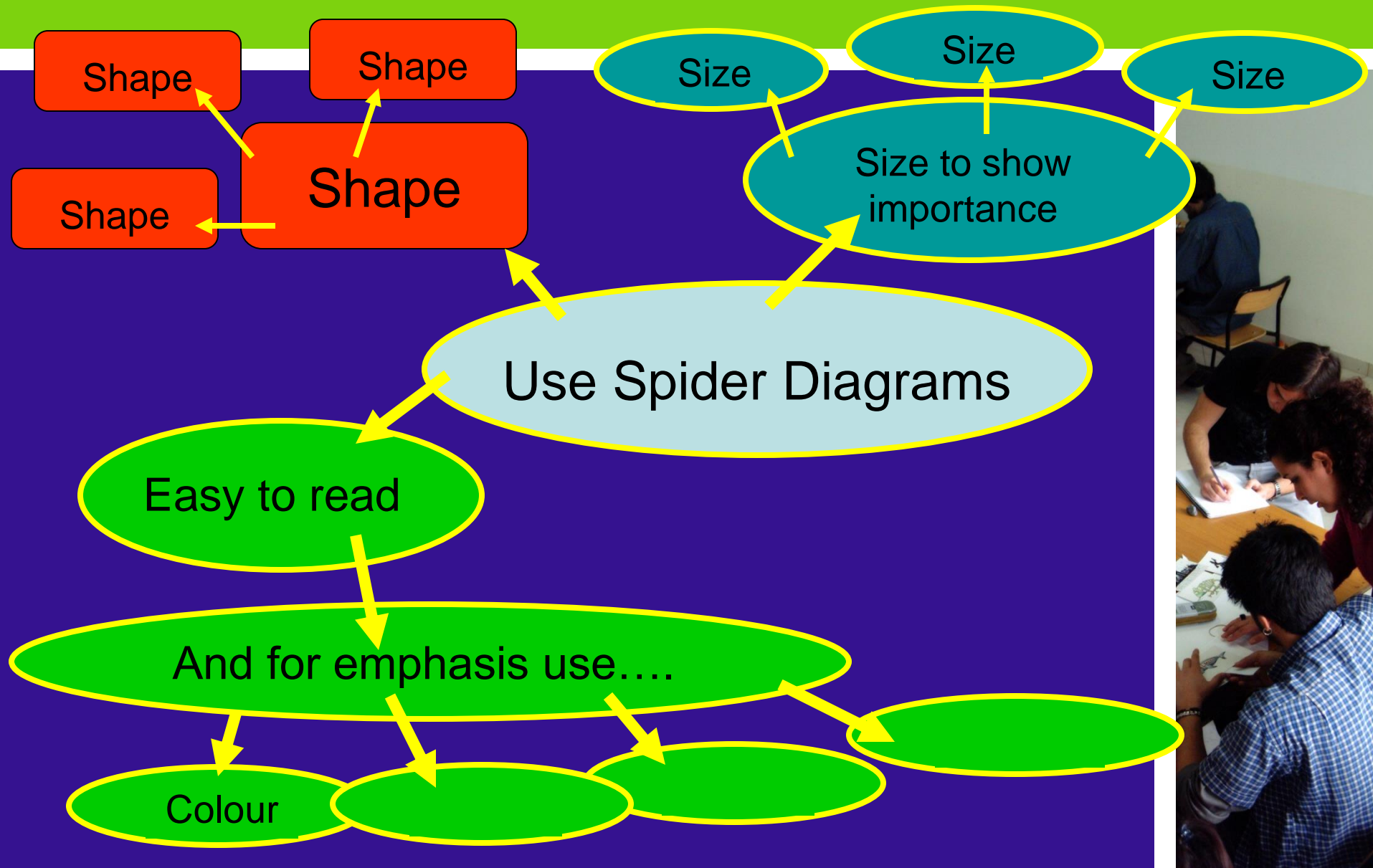
Revision Technique

Build a REVISION WALL !

Be Imaginative

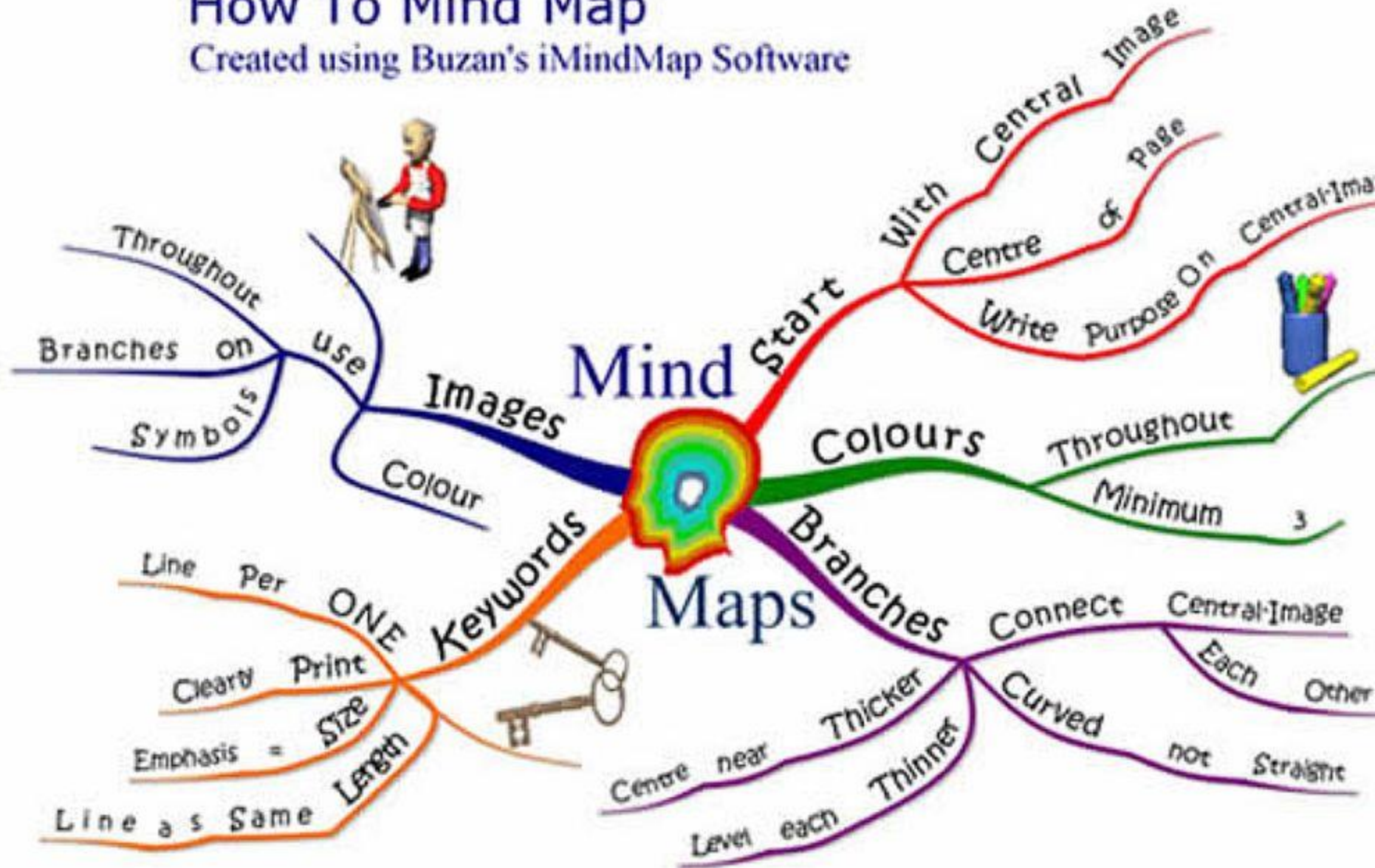


Revision Technique – make things memorable!



How To Mind Map

Created using Buzan's iMindMap Software



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How to help: further hints

- Testing knowledge
- Set and mark practice papers
- Identify areas of weakness
- Allow them to use the house to aid revision



How can you make your child feel SUPPORTED?

- S - Stop nagging
- U - Understanding
- P – Praise
- P – Practise, practise, practise
- O – Organisation (files, wall-charts)
- R – Revision guides ('in-house/commerical)
- T – Time management
- E – Encouragement
- D – Daily routine



Final advice.....

EFFORT = SUCCESS

Good results do not come without
hard work

Reward the effort rather than the
result

GOOD LUCK!



- Disney?
- Turtles?
- Venus?
- Calories?

