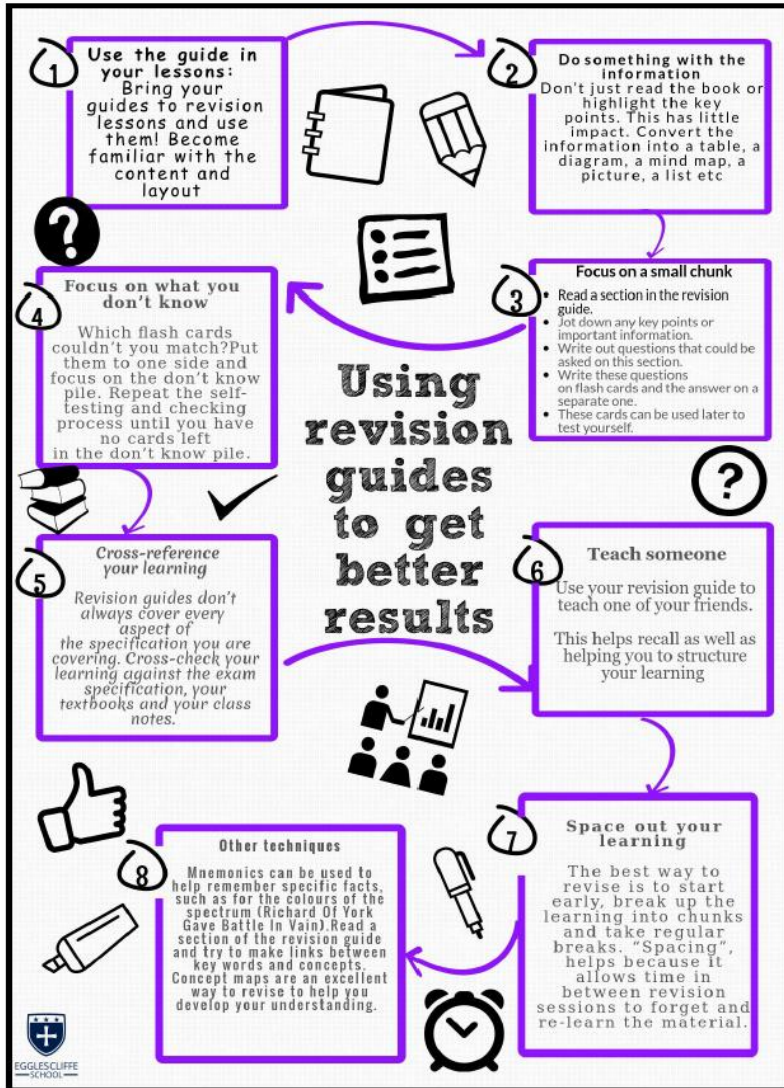




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Have you tried this one? Revision Books

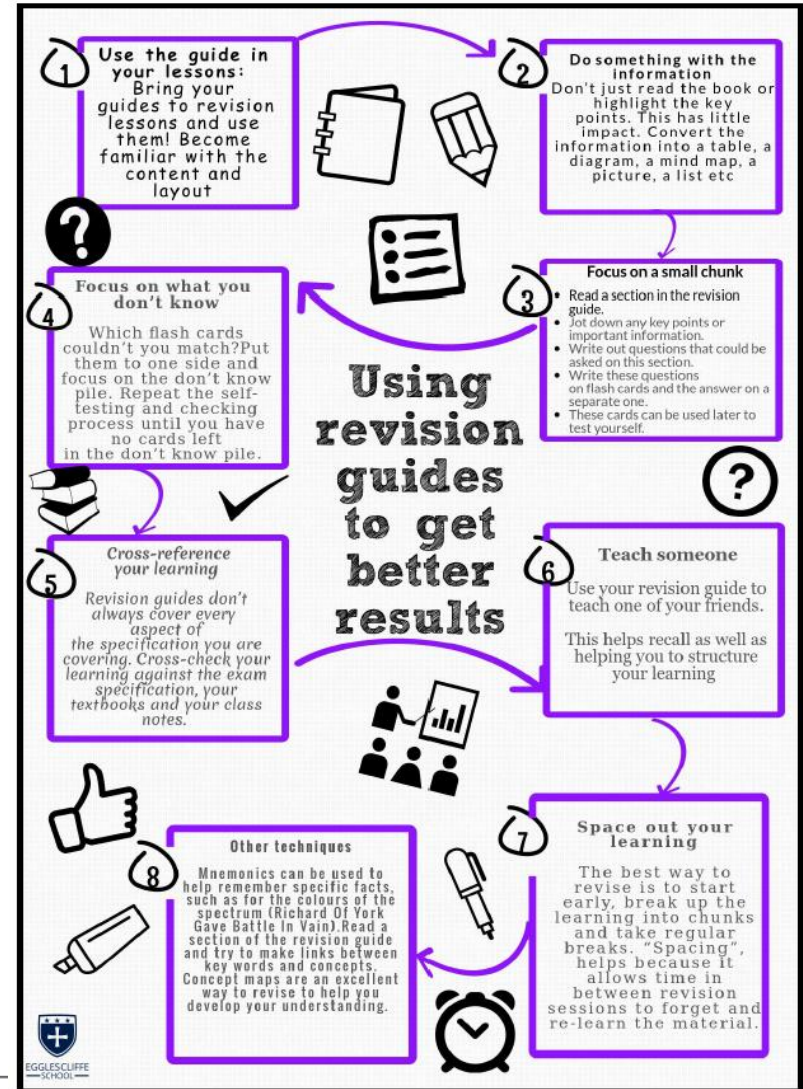
Just reading a revision book isn't really that effective in helping you store key points in your long term memory so try one of these 8 tricks to help you use your books more successfully...

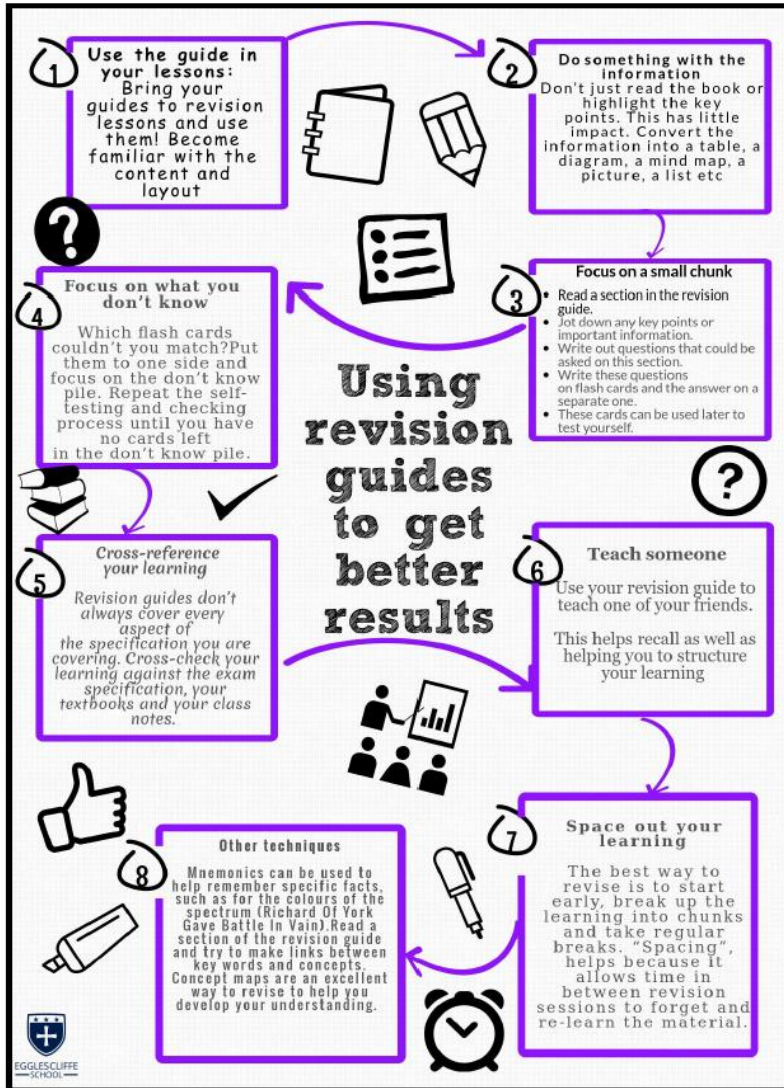


Tip 1: Use the guide in lessons

Bring your guide to revision lessons and use them!

Becoming familiar with the content and layout will help you get smarter with revision.





Tip 2: Do something with the information

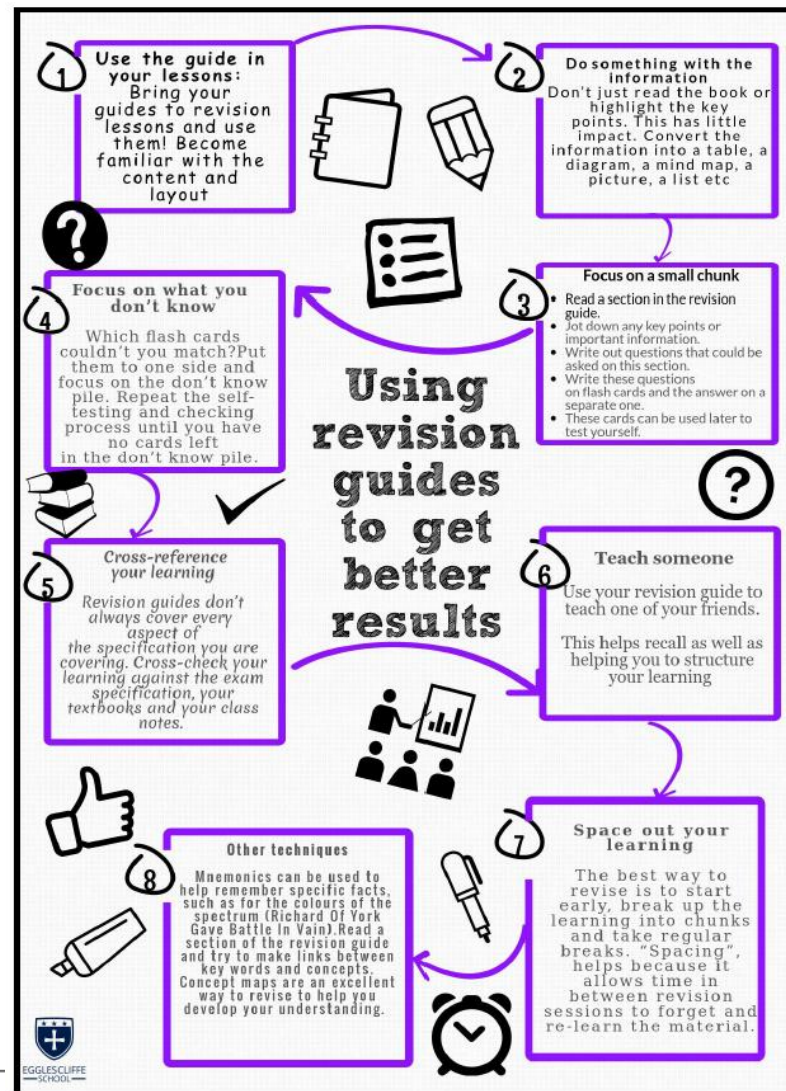
Highlight the key points and then...

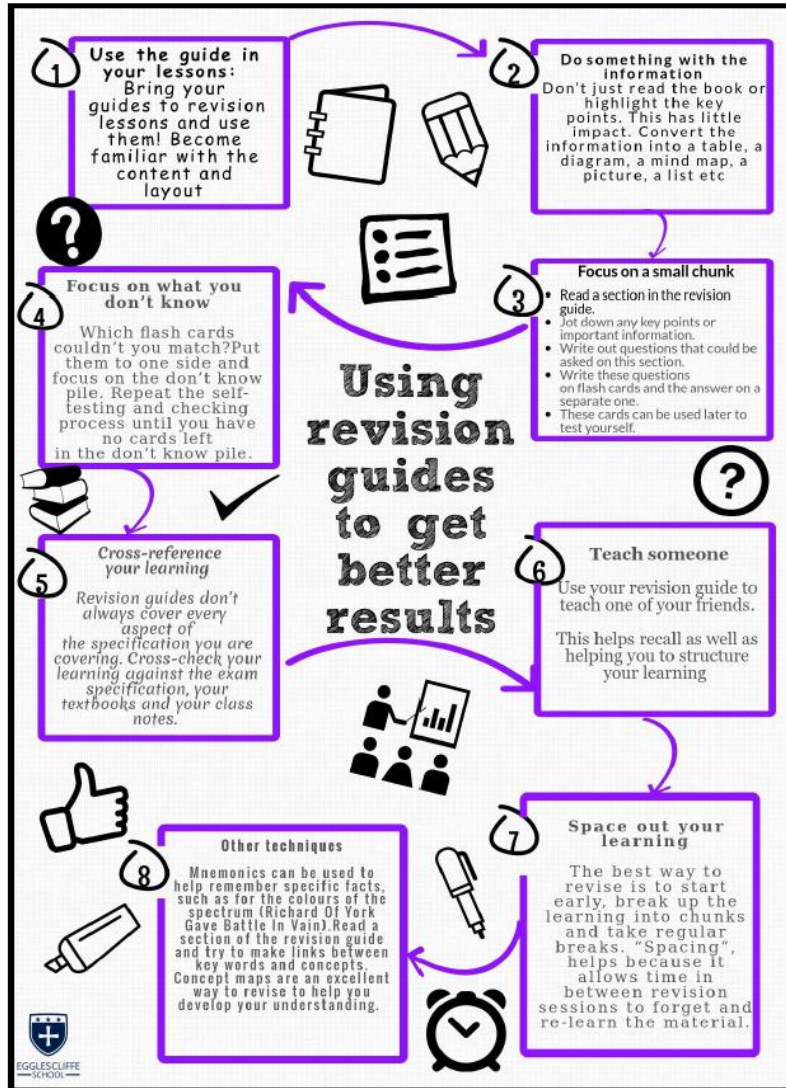
Convert the information into a table or a diagram or a mind map or a picture etc to process the information



Tip 3: Focus on a small chunk

- **Read a section** in the revision guide
- **Jot down the key points** or important information
- **Write out questions** that could be asked on this section
- **Write these questions on flash cards** and the answer on a separate one
- These cards can be used to **test yourself** later as a match up activity





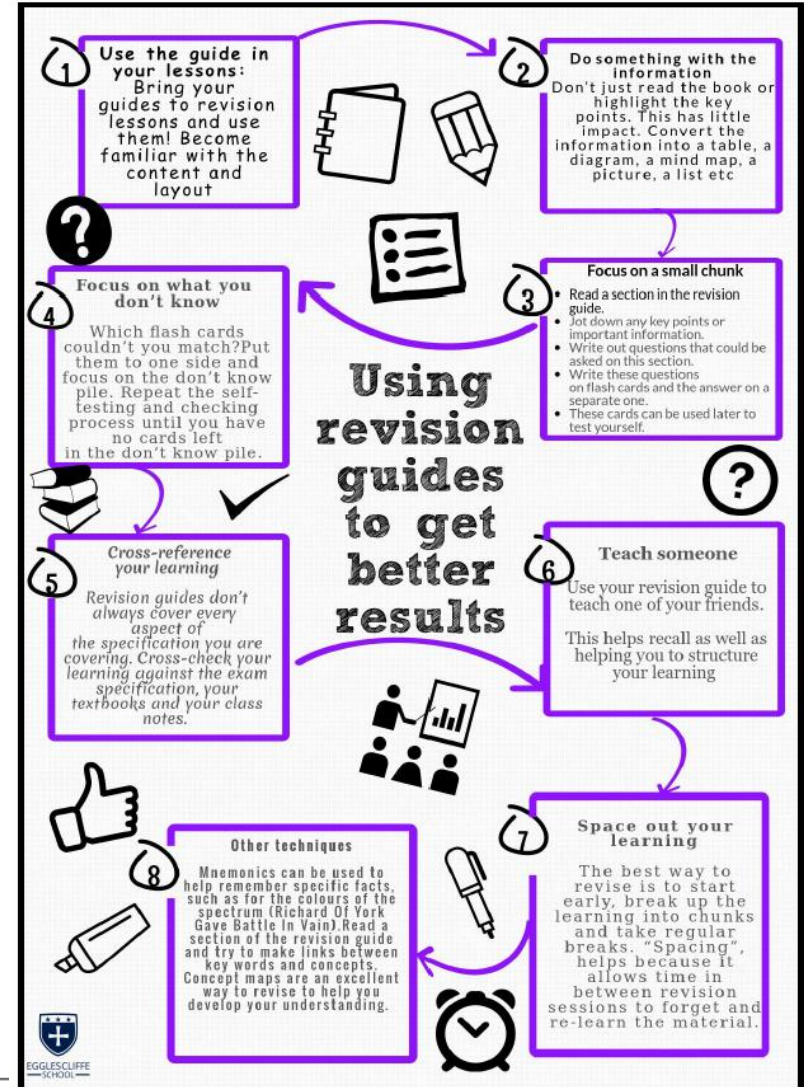
Tip 4: Focus on what you don't know

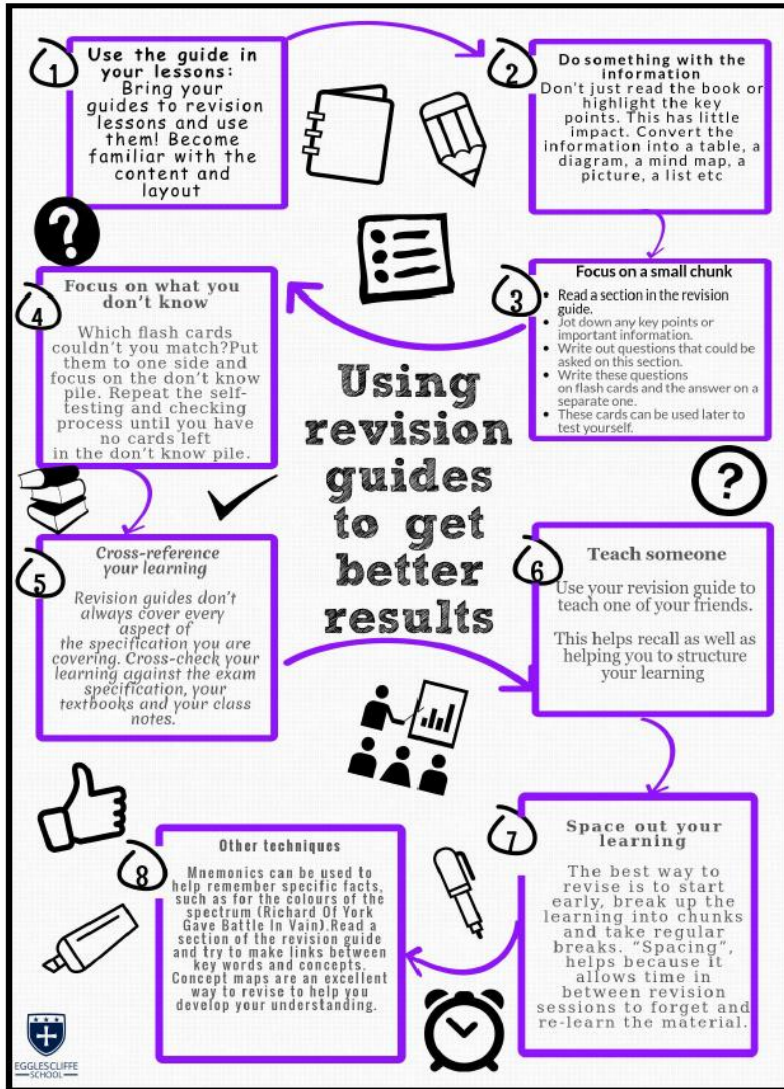
- Which flash cards couldn't you match?
- Put them to one side and **focus on the don't know pile**
- **Repeat the self-testing** and checking process until you have no cards left in the don't know pile



Tip 5: Cross reference your learning

- **Cross check your revision guide** with your class notes, textbooks and exam specification
- **Make sure you have everything covered** as your teachers may use different examples to your revision books





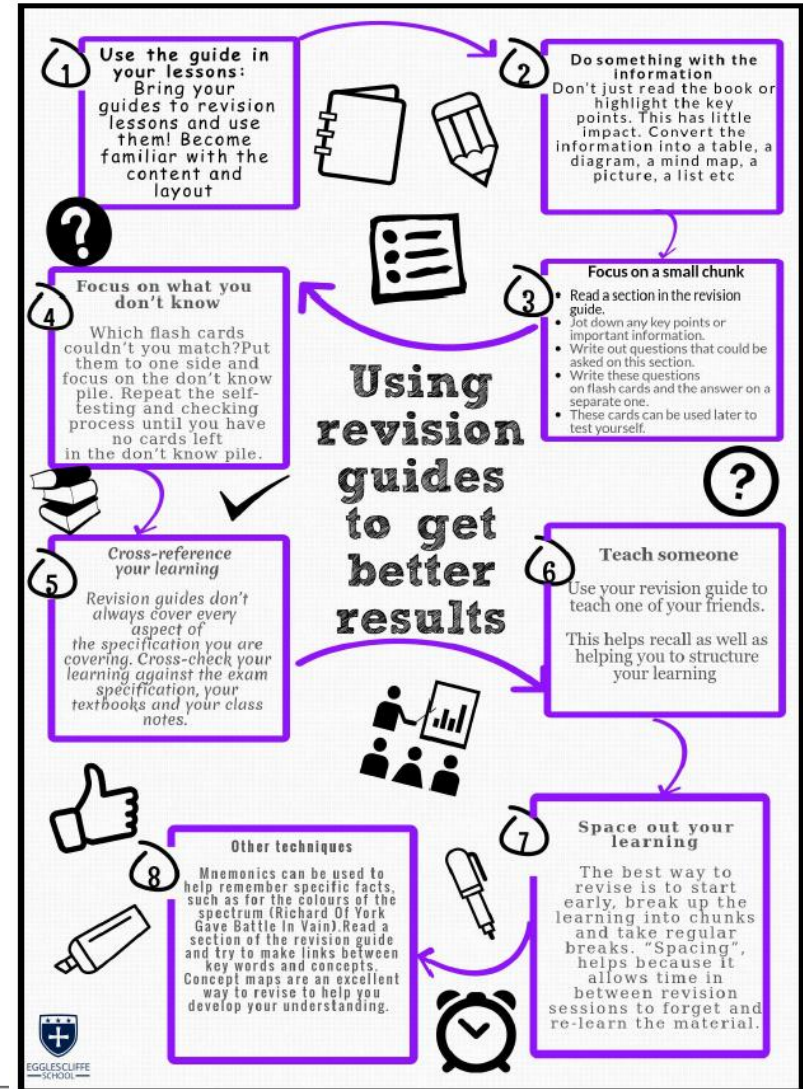
Tip 6: Teach someone

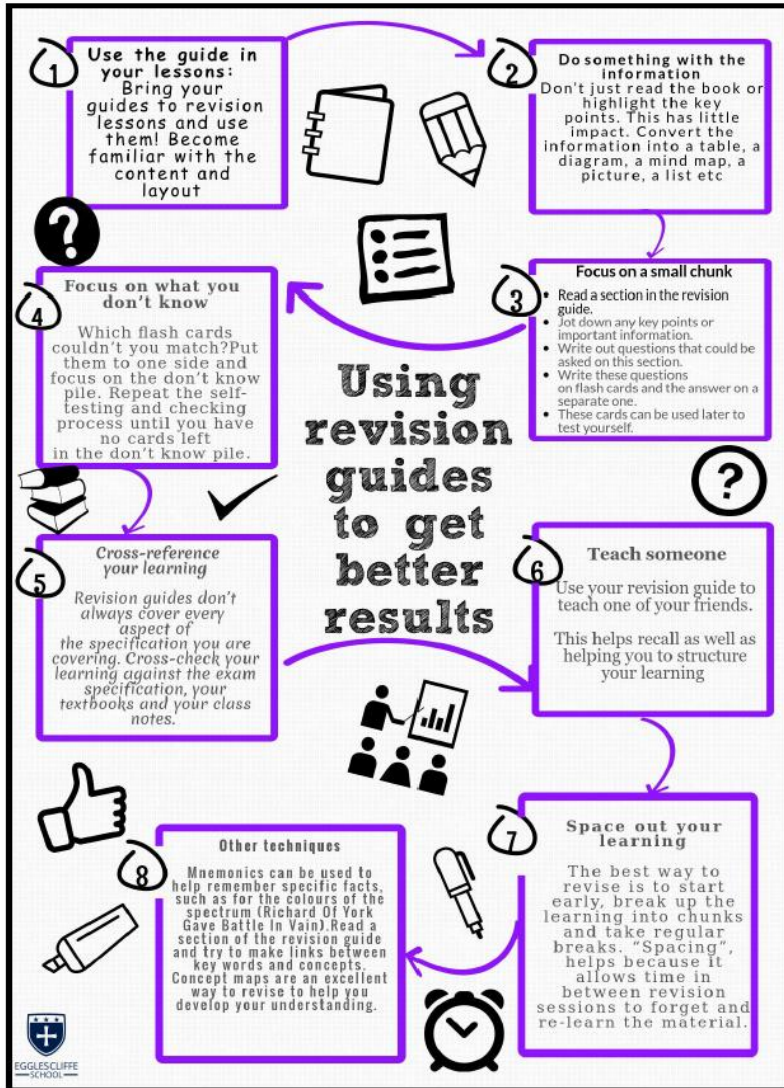
- Use your revision guide to **teach one of your friends**
- This helps recall as well as helping you **structure your learning**



Tip 7: Space out your learning

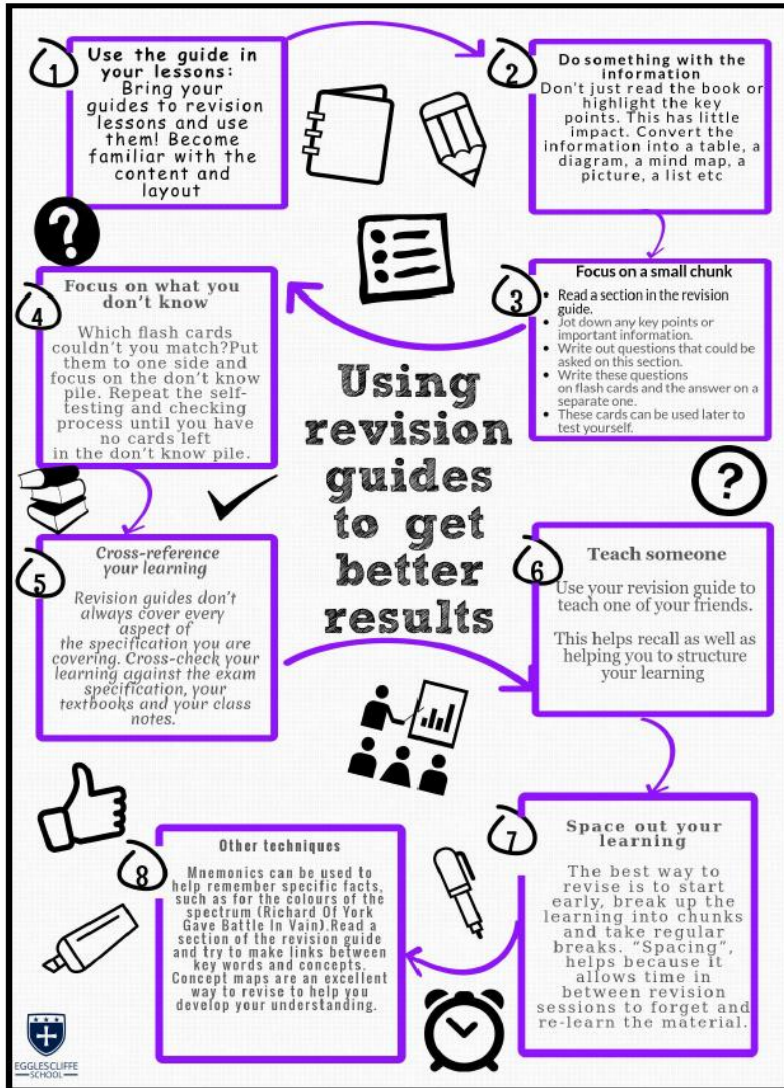
- **Break up your learning into chunks** and take regular breaks
- **Space your revision to allow time** in between the sessions to see what you have forgotten and to re-learn material. This is the best way to get it into your long term memory.





Tip 8: Other ideas

- **Mnemonics** could be used to help remember specific facts
- Read a section of the revision books and **try to make links between key words (concept maps)**
- Summarise the key points of a page and **then record these onto your phone-listen** to them as you take the dog for a walk, get the bus to school, etc...



Revision guides: Have a go...

Using a copy of a page from a science revision book try out some of the strategies of how you can use it more effectively:

- **Make summary revision cards**
- **Produce flash cards to test your recall**
- **Produce a glossary**
- **Design 10 questions**
- **Construct a concept map etc, etc**

