

Testing yourself

Checking your knowledge and understanding as you go along is an essential part of revision. It lets you know what is going into your brain and what needs 'topping up'.

Here are some suggestions for checking your revision progress.



→ How is it best to check how my revision is going?

Look, cover, test, check
If you've made resources such as revision cards, you can study them, cover them, and try to reproduce what was there (either in your mind, speaking it, or writing it down again).



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Quiz time

Give your revision materials to a friend or member of the family and ask them to make up questions to test you. There is something of an art to this (see the activity below) – so you may need to train your quiz master.

Do some exam questions
This can be very effective, especially if you have access to someone who can mark them or if you are good at using a mark scheme. If you have planned your revision effectively you should have time to set yourself a mock exam.



Make up exam questions
Study past exam papers and see if you can think up similar (but different) questions.



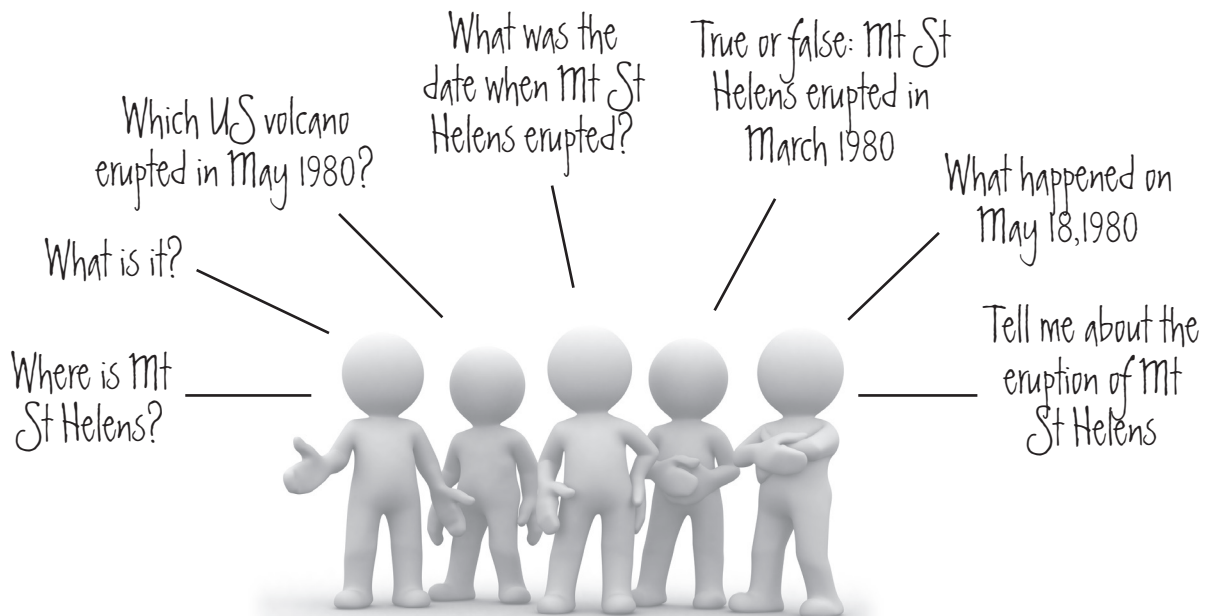
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ACTIVITY

A good quiz master is able to ask several different questions based on the same information. This is better for checking your revision than having to answer the same question over and over again. For example, look at this one sentence.

The eruption of Mount St. Helens on May 18th, 1980, at 8:32am, killed 57 people. 250 homes, 47 bridges, 15 miles (24 km) of railways, and 185 miles (298 km) of highway were destroyed.

You could ask the following questions (some of which are very similar, but different) – not all in the same session though!



Can you think of five other similar (but different) questions for this information?

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