

# Summary: How to use flash cards



1.

## Identify knowledge

What are you creating flash cards on?

Do you have your knowledge organizer?

Use your book to look at previous misconceptions from whole class feedback.



2.

## Colour coding

Use different coloured flash cards for different topics. This helps with organization NOT recall



3.

## Designing

1 Question per flashcard.

Making them concise and clear.

Use a one word prompt, so that you can recall as much as you can.

No extended answer questions.



4.

## Using

Write your answers down, then check. Or say your answers out loud. This really clearly shows the gaps in your knowledge.

Do not just copy & re-read.

Shuffle the cards each time you use them.

Use the Leitner system to use flash cards everyday.



5.

## Feedback

How have you performed when you look back at your answers?

Is there anything you need to revisit in more detail?

Is your knowledge secure? If so, move onto applying knowledge in that area in specific extended exam questions.

Avoid answering the questions in your head: research shows that when you read a question and answer it in your head, you aren't actually testing your knowledge effectively. Say the answer out loud or write it down before checking it against the card, so you are truly testing if you can explain the answer properly

## Flash card top tips

- The most effective flashcards include one question followed by one answer (or one term followed by one definition).
- Don't force your brain to remember a complex and wordy answer. It's easier for your brain to process simpler information so split up your longer questions into smaller, simpler ones.
- You will end up with more flashcards this way but your learning will be a lot more effective.

Front

How tall is Mount Everest?

Back

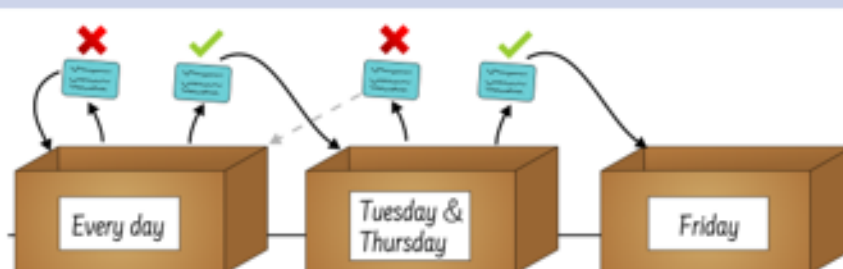
8,848 metres above sea level

## Using flash cards

### Self Quizzing

1. Read the question on your flash card
2. Write your answer in your HL book
3. Put your flash card down to one side
4. Move onto the next card
5. Repeat steps 1-3
6. Keep your flash cards in the order you have quizzed them in.
7. Mark your answers – highlight any answers you got incorrect.

### Leitner System



1. Every card starts in Box 1.
2. If you get a card right, move it to the next Box.
3. If you get the card wrong, move it down a box — in the original version you move it all the way back to Box 1.