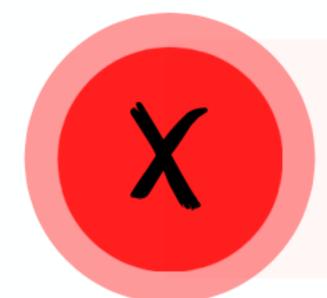
## Using past papers to boost your revision



### Past paper practice is not:

A test to see what you can remember.



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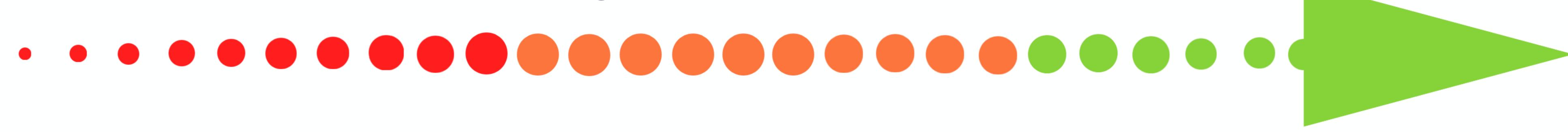
A revision technique that should be used for developing exam techniques and practising recall.



### Past paper practice should:

Be completed with revision notes to begin with. Then, as you get used to the style of questions, it can be used to identify topics that need revising.

### Increasing expertise and confidence



## Stage 1: Using revision resources

Choose 1-3 questions at a time, do not attempt to complete a whole paper.

Use your resources to try and answer the questions, then improve the answers by using the markscheme.

## Stage 2: Be specific — try to not use resources

Choose a specific topic or style of question, for example 'calculate..', or 'describe...'.

Try to answer questions without any resources. However, if you get stuck, use a resource as a prompt to help you remember.

Give yourself 5 lives before starting. When you check your resources, take off a life. When you repeat the process, reduce the number of lives.

# Stage 3: Using questions to identify areas of focus

Without any resources, set yourself a time limit of 1 hour.

Try following this schedule:

0-5 min: Get everything you need (e.g pens, pencils, calculator...).

5-35 min: Answer as many questions as possible.

35-40 min: Have a five minute break.

40-50 min: Mark and improve.

50-60 min: Identify areas that need to be worked and add them to your revision schedule.

