

# How do I - Prepare for an Exam?

Ever needed to swot for an exam? MindGenius makes revision easy! This section explains how to prepare for an exam using MindGenius.

OK, so say we are revising for a French exam. The name of the subject should be the name of the core branch.

The next thing we need to do is gather the important information about this subject. See 'How do I - Organise my Study Notes?' for a guide on the best way to do this.

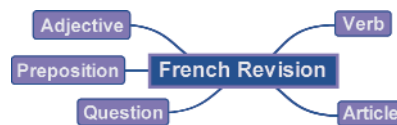
## Preparing a Revision Plan

Now the hard part - revision. MindGenius has provided us with a keyword summary of our subject. We understand the subject and the way it is presented provides lots of paths to the information. This all helps our ability to recall the information. However, over time, if we do not look at these notes we will start to forget the details. We need a revision plan.

Space the review out. Take a rest then review the notes after say 10 minutes, then review them again the next day. The third review could take place a week later, the next a month later. The fact that we review the notes repeatedly firmly embeds them in our memory. However, the key to success is that we give ourselves rest time, during which we can absorb the information.

## Revision Techniques in MindGenius

In this example we will use an example of revising French grammar. This map has the following main headings:

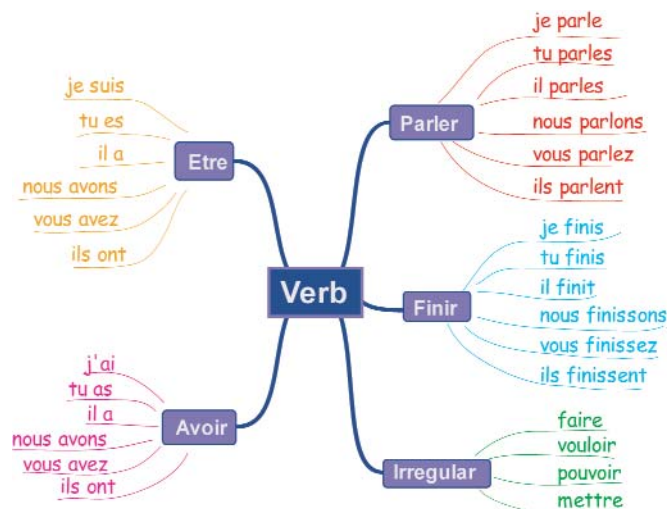


Under the correct headings, enter the verbs, articles etc. These headings can be further divided if need be, between singular adjectives and plural adjectives for instance.

OK, we now have a visual picture of French Grammar! We can see all of the information and how it relates. Now we can test ourselves...

Use the 'View by Level' function to collapse the sub-branch branches of all the main headings, 'The Verb', 'The Article' etc. These branches can be expanded later by clicking on the symbol.

Now we can test ourselves on-screen using expand and collapse or we could print out the map and see how many of the verbs, articles, questions and prepositions we can remember. Simply write the answers in the correct place on the printed map. Then check the results against the original. How did you do?



The sample maps 'French Revision' and 'Periodic Table' are good examples of this type of map.