



Active Exam Preparation and Revision Strategies

1. Learn

2. Create
and Use

3. Reflect



Revision Technique: Central Mistakes List

1. Learn

How does it work?

- a) Have a central mistake list for each subject or topic
- b) Every time a mistake is made it is written into the mistake list (e.g. during DIRT time). This goes into the first column of a mistakes list table
- c) In the second column you write down why the mistake happened and even similar errors that you might make
- d) In the third column write down the correct response
- e) Cross out or tick off mistakes that are no longer happening.

Success with Care



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Why does it work?

- It helps you to **organise** mistakes in one place
- It helps you to **reflect** on why you are making the mistake
- It also means you can **see progress** being made when mistakes can be **ticked off** because you are no longer making them

Mistake list example

| Date | Topic area | Mistake made | Tick when mistake is no longer made |
|------|------------|--------------------------|-------------------------------------|
| | | I need to remember to... | |



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Active Revision Classwork/ Homework Activity

- a) Complete a mistake list for the _____ topic
- b) Talk through the mistakes or main mistakes that you keep making with someone else at home
- c) Think about ways that you can remember to avoid making this mistake next time



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Answer the questions below in green pen:

- How well did it work? Did it help you organise and collate all of the key mistakes?
- What could you do next time or in the near future?

