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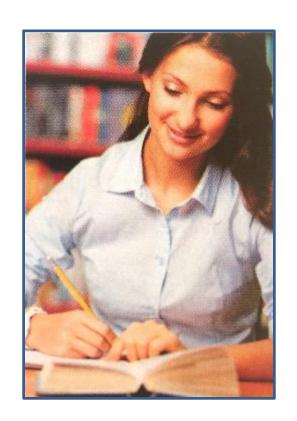




Why revise?

The benefits of cyclic revision:

- increases goal-orientedness
- makes learning more manageable
- builds effective habits





Why revise?

What are the habits and attitudes of good learners?

- They do deliberate practice (Ericsson)
- They study to learn, not just to 'ace the test' (Dweck)
- They want to be challenged
- They respond with curiosity to gaps in their knowledge
- They look for support





The role of classroom revision

Students will...

- Develop effective habits and routines
- Become familiar with important content





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Some DOs and DONT's

DO

- go back through pages of the unit
- try to breathe new life into materials
- look for ways to challenge students

DON'T

- forget to recycle the materials you have
- forget the power of repetition
- rush to photocopy exercises





Breathing new life into materials

- 6 Rewrite the sentences using the adjective in brackets and too or enough.
 - 1 He isn't tall enough to reach the shelf. (short) He's too short to reach the shelf.
 - 2 Skiing holidays aren't cheap enough for me. (expensive)
 - 3 My dad's old car is too dangerous to drive. (safe)
 - 4 The storm was too weak to cause much damage. (strong)
 - 5 My shoes aren't clean enough to wear to the party. (dirty)
 - 6 The sky's too cloudy to see the moon. (clear)





Breathing new life into materials

- Invite students to read one of the sentences, e.g.
 - 5. My shoes are too dirty to wear to the party.
- Ask a follow-up question, e.g.
 - Why don't you clean them?
- Students come up with a reason, e.g.

I'm too lazy.

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Breathing new life into materials

- Get students to look at all six sentences
- Challenge them to come up with reasons / explanations
- One student reads out an explanation, e.g
 It's twenty years old and the brakes are bad.
- Other students supply the sentence it refers to:
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Finding ways to challenge students

The sky is	_ cloudy to see the stars.	
We haven't got	time.	

too and enough

4.6 Too comes before an adjective. Enough comes after an adjective.

This jacket is too small for him.

This jacket isn't big enough for him.

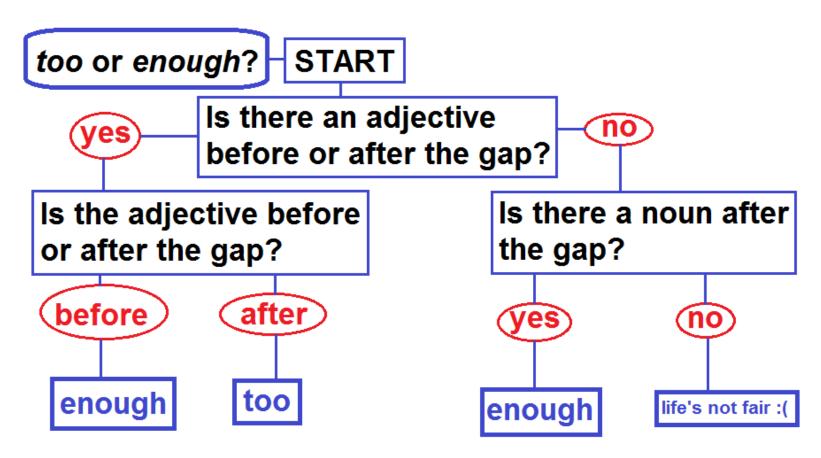
4.7 Enough comes before a noun.

He can't buy it. He hasn't got enough money.



The sky is _____cloudy to see the stars.

We haven't got _____ time.





Some or any?

3.2 some and any

We usually use *some* in affirmative sentences and *any* in negative sentences and questions. We use them with plural nouns and uncountable nouns.

There are some traffic lights at the end of the road.

There's some pasta on the table.

The dog doesn't want any biscuits.

They haven't got any money.

Are there any cinemas in your town?

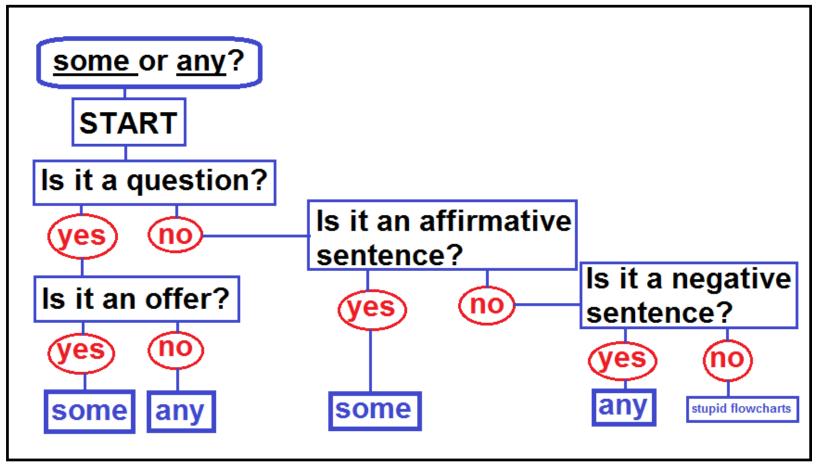
Do you need any help?

We usually use *some* when we offer or ask for something, even if it is a question.

Would you like some tea? Can I borrow some money?



The dog doesn't want _____ biscuits.

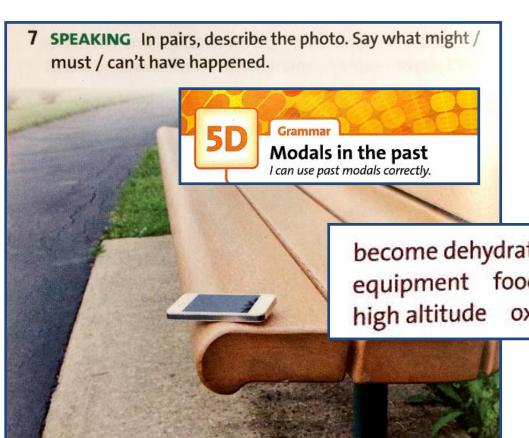






Hybrid revision

One activity with the vocabulary of another





become dehydrated carry climber cold desert equipment food and water frostbite heat high altitude oxygen survive temperature ten



Novelty through combination







become dehydrated carry climber cold desert equipment food and water frostbite heat high altitude oxygen survive temperature tent

old

+

old

new



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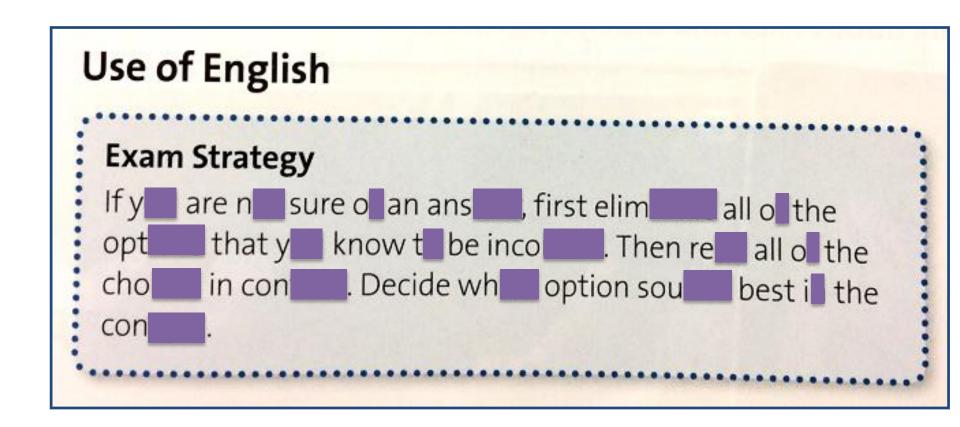
- Putting strategies into practice
- Making predictions
- Collaborative games
- Paired language-analysis tasks
- DIY revision quizzes





Exam strategies

Do students read them?







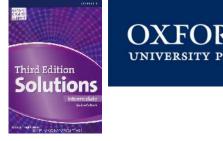
Exam strategies

In practice...

5 Read the strategy above. Then choose the correct option (A-C) to complete the text.

People's interests change and develop *over* time and they often like different activities '__ different stages of their lives. Children and teenagers, for example, often enjoy doing activities that they find exciting, like rollerblading or skateboarding. When people settle down and start '__ family,

1 A in	B at	C while
2 A -	Ва	C the



Predictions

- What is true about the woman's feelings when she entered the house?
 - A She realised that she had missed her old home.
 - **B** She was happy to return to the house.
 - **C** She understood that coming back was a mistake.
 - **D** She was sad about the condition of the house.



Use of English game

ABCD multiple choice

Money Drop

- Students work in pairs
- Give each pair \$100 in virtual money



- Students must play all their money
- They can spread their money over 1-3 of the answers
- Reveal the correct answer
- They keep any money on the correct answer
- All other money is lost



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Back in time

As she stepped into the hall after nearly thirty years of absence, she realised at once that she shouldn't have come back. The smell of wood smoke, damp stone and ancient paper brought the past back so powerfully that it nearly knocked her backwards. In an instant she felt like a young girl again, alone and frightened in the house. She remembered feeling very, very cold – not from the damp and the near-freezing temperature, but because a terrible new life was beginning. And she could do nothing to stop it.

You start with \$100. You can divide that between any three answers





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She was sad about the condition of the house.

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Language analysis: Attempt 1

Individual work

Students:

- work individually
- check their answers
- hand in their paper
- forget all about it

	\boxtimes
Hi Joel,	77
How are you? ¹ you	
(enjoy) the holiday? This is our last week, isn't it? And I	
2(not finish) that science project. In fact,	
to be honest, I 3 (not start) it.	
4(spend) a lot of time with my neighbour,	
Seth. You 5 (not meet) him, but he's really	
nice – and a great guitarist. We 6(play)	
the guitar a lot, and he 7 (teach) me some	
new songs. 8 you (buy))
a bass guitar yet? You 9 (talk) about it for	
months. Let's start a band!	
See you back at school!	
Maxwell	







Language analysis: Attempt 2

Pair work

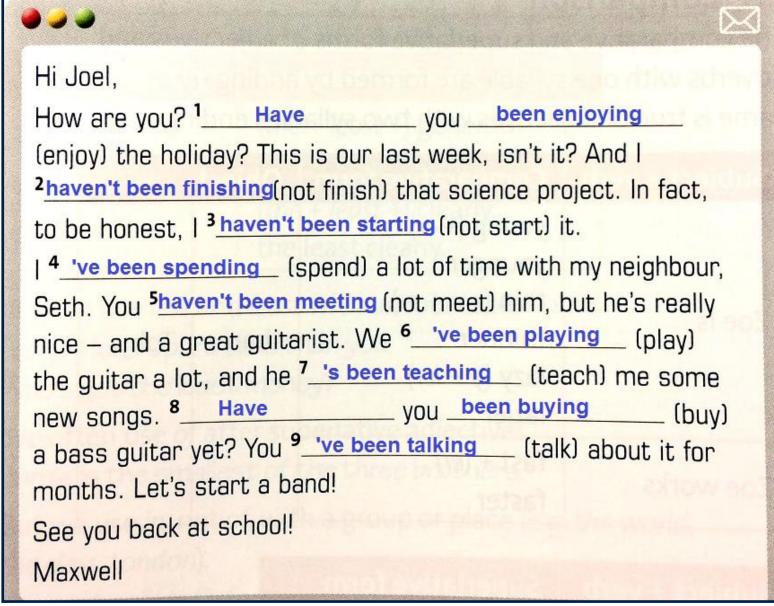
Put together a completed version of the same task, consisting of:

- some correct answers
- some of the students' high-frequency mistakes

Do a grammar auction:

Students attempt to buy the items they think are correct







DIY revision quizzes

- Get students to compile revision questions after each lesson
- At the end of the unit, get them to test themselves...
- ...or their classmates

Writing revision questions

Answering revision questions

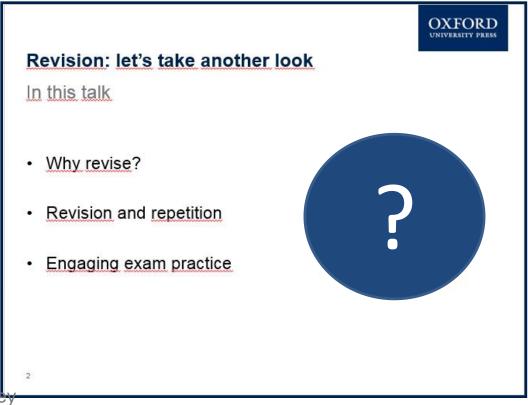
→ When does the learning take place?



Were you paying attention?

Test students' attention to detail

- Refer back to images / content they have seen...
- ...but might not have been paying attention to





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