

How to use

Try these techniques to maximise make revision more efficient:

- Read a card and then have a friend or family member to test you on it
- Create a piece of writing using the words of a particular card(s).
- Stick the card(s) you are revising, somewhere you will see them every day, such as above your desk.

Games

Involve your friends and family to play the following games. You can play with two or more players.

1. Divide the group of friends or family into teams. Print, cut, fold and put the suggested chits below in a box/jar. First person/team draws out a chit and follows the instruction. Keep passing the jar around and take turns to play. You can also play it with music like "pass the parcel".
2. Make the above game more challenging by adding a rule that all the subsequent sentences must correlate to form a story. The last player may decide to end the story using one of the 'story ending' strategies as explained in card number 125, 126.



Suggested chits for the game:

- Use an onomatopoeia to begin your sentence. *(Refer card 22)*
- Your sentence must have a conversation between two friends.
- Introduce/describe a desert in your sentence. *(Refer card 45)*
- Introduce/describe a beach in your sentence. *(Refer card 44)*
- Introduce/describe a forest in your sentence. *(Refer card 106)*
- Introduce/describe an island in your sentence. *(Refer card 117)*
- Your sentence should describe a character. *(Refer cards 65-84)*
- Use Alliteration in your sentence. *(Refer card number 23)*
- Use a simile or a metaphor in your sentence. *(Refer card number 18, 19)*
- Introduce an astronaut in your sentence.
- Introduce an Alien and his habitat in your sentence.



- Use a key phrase from cards 223 to 224 in your sentence.
- Use at least two words from cards 205 to 222 in your sentence.
- Use at least three words from cards 205 to 222 in your sentence.
- Introduce a problem or a conflict. (*Refer cards 121-124*)
- Use Oxymoron in your sentence. (*Refer card number 23*)

Discuss/Write on the following topics with friends and family:

1. Global warming: A fact or a myth?
2. Are video games too violent for children?
3. Too much money is a bad thing?
4. Are school tests effective?
5. Explore space – Will benefits outweigh the costs?

Refer cards 177 to 187 for techniques. Research your topic to find relevant evidence.

If you have any questions or comments, please write to us at info@ejoycation.co.uk.

TEST 1

1. Read the passage carefully. Fill in the missing words selecting words from the answers listed above the passage which you feel best fills in the blank space.

obstinate	trivial	sincerely	conceited	exhilaration
eccentric	din	coax	ordeal	disarray
aggravated	disrupted	cruising	quandary	

Ash and her mother were ____ down the street in their car. It was Saturday morning and there wasn't much traffic which was something to be happy about. However, Ash was having a tough time bearing the ____ of having to visit her mother's alma mater. Something ____ as the baby sitter's unexpected day off had thrown her Saturday plans into _____. The Saturday which was to be spent fooling the old Mrs. Graves into letting her watch T.V. and eating crisps fell into _____ when Mrs. Graves called into tell that she had slipped in her bathroom and sprained her leg. Ash tried really hard to ____ her mother into letting her stay home but no avail. What _____ the matters, in her opinion, was the fact that her brother, older than her by a mere two years had been allowed to visit his friends. And he had declined to take her along saying that she would be a _____. "That _____ fellow!" she thought angrily. Her plans of getting back at her brother were _____ once the car entered the hallowed grounds of the college. As she heard the _____ Ash glanced towards her mother's face and found her in a state of _____. Feeling guilty for her _____ behavior in the morning, she flashed a nervous smile towards her mother promising _____ to be on her best behavior on the visit.

2. Find the three missing letters that need to be added to these words so that the sentence makes sense. The three letters do not have to make a word.

1. The knowledgeable guide was an expert in pala - - - tology gave us an informative tour of the museum.
2. We learnt about the flora and f- - - a of the Jurassic period.
3. Ex- - - ction of dinosaurs was caused by the impact of a massive comet.
4. We went on a school exc- - - ion to a Science Museum.
5. The rowdy and impu- - - t class knew no boundaries.

3. Write the four-letter word hidden at the end of one word and beginning of the next word. The letters are not allowed to be rearranged.

*Example She looked beautiful in **the red** dress. (here)*

1. He was the best emperor that had ever ruled them.
2. She likes to exercise at the school gym.
3. We really appreciate the hard work put in by our teachers.
4. Half of our class scored a hundred percent in the test.
5. Her intense glares transpired a confession.

4. Find the two words that are closest in meaning. Underline both the words.

1. arduous, substantial, easy, difficult, peril
2. dilemma, dimension, decrease, predicament
3. occasionally, frequently, rarely, irregularly
4. timid, threat, afraid, rigid, brave
5. humble, human, moral, truthful, modest

TEST 2

1. Read the passage carefully. Fill in the missing words selecting words from the answers listed above the passage which you feel best fills in the blank space.

fatigued	curious	demolish	repenting
clemency	feign	embrace	credulous
eased	sharply		

Sarah ____ the car into the parking lot. Cutting off the engine she exhaled _____. She was already ____ by all the morning rush and the numerous household chores. She was in half a mind to call pick up her cellphone and _____ illness to skip the alumni meet. However, with her daughter Ash sitting beside her and looking at her with a mix of _____ and nervous look on her face, Sarah couldn't do that. Eight-year old are _____ by nature and Sarah didn't want to anything to _____ her daughter's faith in her. Looking at Ash, she realized that her daughter was _____ her earlier behavior. Sarah took her in her _____ calming her down and deciding that the visit would do both them good. On the other hand, having been granted _____ by her mom, Ash looked forward to enjoy every bit of the afternoon.

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1. The st- - - magician baffled us all with his un- - -homable tricks.
2. Although the climb was pre- - -ious, the resolute climbers reached the summit.
3. The plants on the banks of river Nile flourished and yi- - -ed good crops.
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1. He was often the most popular in all the parties.
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3. exhausted, allocate, extinct, motive, purpose
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TEST 3

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chaotic	endure	grotesque	errands
candid	besiege	economical	frivolous
simpler	posing		

Weddings are torturous affairs to _____. All the preparations, the rituals, the people and the _____ to run make the whole event utterly _____. In the good old days weddings were _____ and more _____ affairs. Today you have the _____ expenses of setting up photo-booths and more such things. In the past, people would the photographer with requests for photographs. Today they can click as many of the so-called pictures with their cellphones and selfie sticks. In olden days people had _____ conversations. And don't even get me started on the _____ faces these youngsters make in the name of _____ for the pictures- the fish face and the duck face and what not. I wonder what we will have next.

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