

Why is creating a multiple choice quiz a great way to revise?

Multiple choice questions are sometimes called fixed choice, selected response or multiple choice items because they are not open ended questions, and they require you to select from various options that are presented to them. The options are fixed. The process of making the quiz helps you actively revise as you review the information you have studied to create the questions and answers. Then you have a ready made quiz to test yourself or your friends.

Tip for creating a multiple choice quiz.

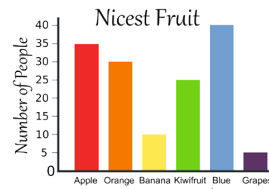
1 Use believable answers.

It might seem a fun idea to put wacky answers to choose from. Making all the answer believable will make you have to remember and think when you come to use them to revise.

BELIEVABLE

2 Use images or graphs on your quiz.

Another way to make your quiz develop your thinking skills is to use an image or graph to ask the question about. This help you develop your skills to analyse information.



3 The questions.

Use a variety of questions in your quiz. Don't just rely on the same style (e.g. What is a verb? What is a noun? etc.)

VARIETY

4 What is a question made up of?

You have the STEM – this is the question or prompt (e.g. Frequent use of sprays, oils, and antiseptics in the nose during a bad cold may result in:..)

You then have the options, these include the correct answer and distractors:

- A. the spreading of the infection to the sinuses.
- B. damage to the olfactory nerve.
- C. destruction of white blood cells.
- D. congestion of the mucous membrane in the nose

Tips to remember

- ✓ Write the stem first, then the correct answer, then the distractors to match the correct answer in terms of length, complexity, phrasing, and style.
- ✓ Minimize the amount of reading required for each item.
- ✓ Avoid wordy and long stems or options.
- ✓ Include most information in the stem so that the options can be short.
- ✓ Make sure there is only one best or correct answer.
- ✓ Make options of similar length and make sure the longest answer is only correct some of the time

5 Time.

It takes time to put a multiple choice quiz together. A way to help this is to prepare a few questions each day over a period of time. This might be after a class that is about the topic of the quiz or as you revise a small chunk of learning for an exam (e.g. you do 10 minutes revision and by the end of it have 5 multiple choice questions from that piece of revision).