Year 8 Science Revision Booklet

Use this booklet to help you with your revision in preparation for your year 8 Science examination.

There are lots of tips and hints to make sure that the time you spend revising is effective.



Revision Top Tips

Use your exercise book Go through the work that you have done in lessons – use your exercise book to remind yourself what you have studied.

Use your textbook

Your textbooks cover most of the work that you have done this year. Where work is not in the textbook then your exercise book or BBC Bitesize are good resources.

The books have great end of topic questions – try them.

KS3 BBC Bitesize

This is a good website with information, tests and quizzes covering most areas of the year 8 work.

http://www.bbc.co.uk/bitesize/ks3/

Remember the learning Pyramid when you do your revision.



Use the text book and revision book.

Read and write notes or draw a mind map

Condense work or notes

Write, write, write – at least then you have to engage with thinking Test yourself

Look at the checklist

Use the checklist.

You have been given this checklist which tells you exactly what needs to be learnt and could be examined. Use it to help guide your revision plan and revision time. Just reading it and trying to learn some of the facts will help you to gain marks in the examination. If you don't understand any points then look them up in the textbook, your exercise book or ask a friend or teacher.

Experimental Techniques	\bigcirc	
Plan an investigation to test a hypothesis		
Choose a range and number of tests for the investigation		
Carry out a risk assessment for a planned investigation and explain how to reduce risks		
Describe a method with enough detail for valid and reliable data		
Draw clear labelled diagrams of equipment		
Identify the dependent variable in an investigation		
Identify the independent variable in an investigation		
Suggest things that would ensure you conduct a fair test		
Present qualitative data		
Draw a suitable table for the results of an investigation to present guantitative data		
Manipulate date e.g. calculating a mean average from repeat readings		
 Independently draw a line graph (<u>NEVER</u> a bar graph) to present data: Write a suitable meaningful title Draw graph bigger than ½ a page Use a sensible scale Label the correct axes, with the correct units Plot points clearly Draw a SMOOTH line of best fit 		
Read off a graph to find a value that isn't in your results table		
Draw valid conclusions using the results of the investigation		
Explain the results using scientific explanations		
Evaluate a method and suggests any improvements		
Identify anomalies in results and suggest reasons for them		
Name key pieces of equipment and chemicals - ensure you can		
 recognise and can name a Liebig condenser 		
 recognise and can name a measuring cylinder 		
 recognise and can name a conical flask 		
 recognise and can name a burette 		
 recognise and can name a heating mantle 		
 recognise and can name a pipette 		

Elements, Mixtures and Compounds	\bigcirc	\bigcirc	\bigcirc
Give the correct symbols for the elements on the periodic table			
Explain what a group and a period are on the periodic table			

Give the names for group 1, 2, 7 and 8	
Explain that the periodic table is arranged in increasing atomic	
number	
List some similarities between elements in the same group	
Explain how Demitri Mendeleev worked out that elements missing on	
the early periodic table	
Show where the metals are on the periodic table	
Show where the non-metals are on the periodic table	
Identify the liquid elements on the periodic table	
Identify the transition elements on the periodic table	
Describe what happens when group I metals are added to water	
Describe the trend in reactivity of group I metals	
Produce a formula equation to show the reaction of group I metals	
in water	
Explain why group I metals are called alkali metals	
List key properties of metals in terms of melting point, boiling point,	
appearance, density, etc	
List the key properties of non-metals using the same criteria as for	
metals	
Identify, with explanations, exceptions to the main trends of metals	
and non-metals	
Define the term element, with examples	
Define the term mixture, with examples	
Define the term compound, with examples	
Draw particle diagrams and show some formulae showing elements,	
mixtures or compounds	
Recall the experiment to make iron sulphide to show how the	
properties change when elements are turned into compounds	

The Air		\bigcirc
List the main gases in the air		
Give the % composition of the air		
Explain how fractional distillation is used to separate the gases in		
the air		
Describe an experiment to determine the % of oxygen in air		
Calculate the % of oxygen in the air		
Describe the test to show if oxygen is present		
Describe the test to show if hydrogen is present		
Describe the test to show if carbon dioxide is present		

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Be able to explain how the Earth's atmosphere has evolved to its	
present form.	
Know where crude oil comes from and what we use it for	
Explain what a hydrocarbon is	
State the products produced when fossil fuels are burnt in air	
Explain what happens when fossil fuels are burnt with limited	
amounts of air and say why this can be a problem	
Describe what man is doing which is affecting the earth's	
atmosphere	
Discuss how man's actions are leading Global Warming	
Explain what we can do to reduce the effects of Global Warming	
State that the oxides of metals (eg sodium oxide) are alkaline	
State that the oxides of non-metals are acidic (eg sulphur dioxide)	
Explain that acidic oxides can dissolve in water to produce acid rain	
Explain how fractional distillation can be used to separate the	
different substances in crude oil	
Understand the meaning of Sustainable Development	
Understand the ethical, environmental and economic implications of	
sustainable development.	

Metals	\bigcirc	\bigcirc	\bigcirc
Use observations of reactions between water and acids to decide an			
order of reactivity			
Write a word equation to show the reaction of a metal with oxygen			
Use observations of reactions between metals and acids to decide an order of reactivity			
State a general word equation for the reaction of metals with acid			
(MASH)			
Give a definition of oxidation			
Give a definition of reduction			
Use the reactivity series to predict whether a metal will reduce an			
oxide to a pure metal			
Use the reactivity series to explain which metal will displace			
another metal from its solution			
Define an ore and give the name of iron ore			
Explain how iron is extracted from iron ore in the blast furnace			
Label a diagram of a blast furnace, showing the main processes			
Explain what coke is			

Explain what slag is		
Give a use for cast iron		
Explain how iron is converted to steel		
Explain how the impurities from iron can be removed		
Explain what an alloy is, with examples		
Give a use for steel		
Give the chemical name for rust		
List the conditions for rust to form		
Explain how painting can help prevent rusting		
Explain how galvanising can help prevent rusting		
Explain how oiling can help prevent rusting		
Explain how sacrificial protection can help prevent rusting		

Modes of Nutrition	\bigcirc	\bigcirc	\bigcirc
Describe the main features of different forms of nutrition			
Explain how different trophic levels are specialised to different			
forms of nutrition and how they depend on each other			
Explain how parasites gain nutrition			
Explain the impact of parasites on host organisms			
Explain scientifically how parasites have adapted to this form of			
nutrition in terms of their physical and behavioural adaptation.			
Compare the advantages and disadvantages of this form of nutrition			
Describe and explain how saprotrophs gain nutrition			
Explain the importance of saprotrophic nutrition in recycling of			
materials in ecosystem and their role in causing disease.			
Identify the main adaptations of organisms for this form of			
nutrition			
Describe the stages of the starch test.			
Explain the reason for the different starch distribution in a			
variegated leaf.			
Predict the effect of variegation on plant growth.			
Describe why plants need light			
Explain what the chloroplast does and how the plant uses the things			
it makes			
Predict the effect on photosynthesis of plants being exposed to			
different colours (wavelengths) of light			
Describe how plants take in carbon dioxide and produce oxygen			
during photosynthesis			
Write a word equation for photosynthesis			

Write a balanced symbol equation for photosynthesis.		
Link photosynthesis to respiration and explain some other uses for		
the products of photosynthesis e.g. making cellulose		
Link plant organs and structures in the leaf to their job in		
photosynthesis.		
Explain how leaves are adapted for photosynthesis		
Describe and explain how different cells in a leaf are adapted for		
photosynthesis		
Describe how plants are used as a resource		
Explain role of plants in the ecosystem as a producer and in climate		
control		
Suggest consequences on the earth from deforestation and global		
warming		

Energy in Biology	\bigcirc	\bigcirc	\bigcirc
Explain the role of different components of food in the diet			
Explain the effect of a deficiency on health			
Describe the main features of deficiency diseases			
Explain some of the causes of deficiency diseases and how they can			
be prevented or cured.			
Describe the evidence that supports theories stating that a disease is caused by a lack of a specific nutrient			
Describe the pathway of food through the digestive system and the main roles of the organs involved.			
Explain why large molecules must be broken down into smaller soluble ones by the process of digestion.			
Describe how food tests identify the main components in food.			
Explain why it is important to test foods.			
Explain the limitations of the food tests used in identifying food contents accurately.			
Describe how to measure the energy content in foods using simple			
apparatus			
Explain why different foods release more energy than others.			
Referring to the class results explain why the data produced from			
this investigation is not sufficiently accurate to be reliable and			
suggest improvements			

Respiration, Breathing and Health	\bigcirc	\bigcirc	\bigcirc	
Explain what is meant by negotination and distinguish from breathing				

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Explain what is needed for regrination and what the products are	
Explain what is needed for respiration and what the products are	
using a word equation	
Use a balanced formula equation to explain respiration.	
Link respiration to the role of mitochondria in cells.	
Label a diagram of the lungs and explain the main functions	
Explain how pressure changes in the chest leads to inhalation and	
exhalation.	
Explain how the lungs are adapted for breathing and gas exchange.	
Describe the differences between inhaled and exhaled air and how	
the body delivers $O(g)$ and removes $CO_2(g)$	
Explain why inhaled and exhaled air is different and explain the link	
between breathing and respiration	
Explain how the gas exchange surfaces in lungs are adapted for	
efficient gas exchange	
Describe the effects of smoking on health.	
Explain how the constituents of cigarette smoke affects the	
respiratory system	
Understand that the effects of smoking can vary in people for a	
number of reasons. Explain the link between research on smoking	
and our understanding of the effect of smoking on health.	
Describe the features of different types of microbes	
Explain how pathogens make us ill.	
Describe how diseases are transmitted. Primary defences against	
disease to prevent infection	
Explain how the immune system destroys pathogens	
Explain how the immune system develops immunity	
Describe how Edward Jenner carried out his work to discover	
vaccination	
Explain how antibiotics work to kill bacteria but not viruses.	
Explain the differences between different types of vaccines and	
why it is difficult to produce vaccines for all diseases.	
Describe how antibiotics were developed and their importance for	
animal health.	
Explain how antibiotics work to kill bacteria but not viruses.	
Explain how resistance develops in bacteria and how this can be	
reduced. Explain the problems caused by antibiotic resistance.	

Statics and Electronics	\odot	\bigcirc	\bigcirc
Explain that structure of the atom			

Explain that a static charge arises due to a movement of electrons		
Explain why the overall charge on an atom is neutral		
State that something with more electrons than protons is negatively		
charged and vice versa		
Explain that opposite charges attract and like charges repel		
Explain how a static charge can be used to paint metal objects		
State what an insulator and conductor is		
Explain that lightening occurs due to a static charge on the clouds		
creating an opposite charge on the ground		
Explain how a lightening conductor keeps us safe		
Define the term 'magnetic field'		
State that opposite poles attract and like poles repel		
Draw magnetic field lines round a magnet going from north to south:		
$N \rightarrow S$		
Explain that the magnetic field is strongest where the field lines		
are closest together		
Explain how the Earth's magnetic field is similar to that of a large		
bar magnet		
Draw the Earth's magnetic field, showing where it is strongest		
Explain that all magnets point to the Earth's magnetic north pole		
Explain why the Earth's magnetic pole has south polarity and vice		
versa		
Explain how iron can be magnetised by putting it in a coil of wire		
connected to a power source		
State that 'soft' iron is only magnetic whilst a current is passing		
through it		
Define an electromagnet and give at least one use for		
electromagnets		
Explain how the strength of the magnet is affected when:		
The number of coils of wire is increased		
A soft iron core is added		
The electric current is increased		
Use binary inputs/outputs to describe ON/OFF signals as 1/0		
Recognise and draw an OR		
gate:		
Recognise and draw an AND gate:		
Recognise and draw a NOT gate:		
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Recognise and draw a light dependent resistor		
light dependent resistor (LDR)		
Recognise and draw		
the symbol for a bulb		
Recognise and draw the symbol for a cell —		
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Recognise and draw the symbol for a battery $- I - I _{Battery}$		
Recognise and draw the symbol for a switch		
switch		
Recognise and draw a symbol for a loudspeaker		
Recognise and draw a symbol for a microphone		
Recognise and draw a symbol for a buzzer		
Use this symbol to represent a moisture MS		
Use this symbol to represent a Thermistor Thermistor		
Construct circuit diagrams with logic gates to fulfil specific		
functions		
Draw truth tables to show the binary inputs and outputs with logic		
gates		
guies		

Waves	\bigcirc	\bigcirc	
State that light AND sound travel in straight lines			
Draw a longitudinal wave, labelling areas of compression and rarefaction			
http://www.bbc.co.uk/schools/gcsebitesize/science/add_gateway_p re_2011/radiation/ultrasoundrev1.shtml			
State that sound waves are longitudinal waves			
Explain why longitudinal waves cannot travel through a vacuum			
Define a transverse wave and state that all electromagnetic waves are transverse			
Draw a transverse wave and label the amplitude and the wavelength			

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Draw sound waves to show what happens when a sound is made		
louder		
Draw sound waves to show what happens when a sound is made		
higher pitched		
Correctly use the units Hertz (Hz) as the unit for frequency		
Complete the exercises about sound at		
http://www.bbc.co.uk/schools/gcsebitesize/science/aqa/waves/soun		
dandlightrev1.shtml		
Name and give a use for each type of electromagnetic wave		
State the speed of light in a vacuum		
Calculate the speed of light or sound using the echo method		
Draw a diagram to show how light is reflected off a surface		
Draw and label the normal on a diagram		
Draw a labelled diagram to show the path of light from the light		
source, to an object to our eyes		
State that the angle of incidence = the angle of reflection		
Label the angle of incidence and the angle of reflection on a diagram		
Explain what refraction means		
State that light slows down and bends towards the normal when it		
enters a more dense medium (substance)		
State that light speeds up and bends away from the normal when it		
enters a less dense medium		
Draw the path of light as is travels through a perspex block		
Draw the path of light showing total internal reflection		
Explain why an object under water is not where it appears to be		
when viewed from outside of the water		
Predict the actual position of an object at the bottom of a pond		
Explain, with the help of a diagram, how shadows are formed		
Explain factors that affect the size of the shadow		
Explain, with the help of a diagram, why the image in a pinhole		
camera is inverted		
Describe what happens when white light is shone through a prism		
List the colours of the visible spectrum		
List the primary and secondary colours of light:		
BLUE		
Yellow		
Explain that we see colour because the object absorbs all light		

EXCEPT the colour we see, which is reflected		
Use these ideas to predict the colour of objects in different		
coloured light		

Thermal Physics	\bigcirc	\bigcirc	
Use the units °C or K to measure temperature (not Fahrenheit)			
Explain that temperature is the average heat energy of an object or			
substance			
State the boiling and freezing point of pure water			
Convert degrees Celsius to Kelvin by adding 273° to the Kelvin temp.			
List the three types of heat transfer			
State that heat energy always moves from hot to cold (i.e. objects			
become progressively less hot, not more cold!)			
Draw a diagram showing the arrangement of particles in solids, liquids and gases			
Explain how metal objects are able to conduct heat much better than other materials			
Explain why liquids and gases cannot conduct heat as well as solids			
Draw a diagram to show convection currents in a liquid or a gas	+		
Use the key words dense, spread out, rise, sink, energy, fall and	+		
vibrate to explain convection currents			
Explain how a convection current causes thermals over hotter areas of land			
Explain how convection currents cause onshore breezes from the sea			
Explain what infra-red radiation is and give at least one source of it			
Name at least one insulator that will prevent heat transfer via conduction			
Name at least one insulator that will prevent heat transfer via convection			
Name at least one type of insulator that will prevent heat transfer via radiation			
State that dark colours absorb and emit Infra Red Radiation much			
faster than light ones			
State that white colours reflect Infra Red Radiation	+		
Explain why air is a good insulator	+		
Explain why air will not prevent heat transfer via radiation	+		
Explain why a vacuum is the best insulator for conduction and	+		
convection but will not affect Infra red radiation.			