

Session aims

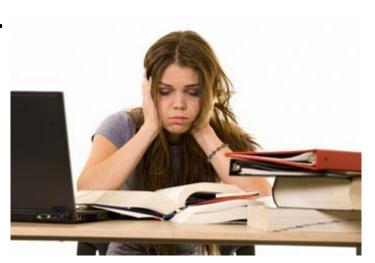
To know what stress is

To know six strategies for dealing with stress

To develop techniques for managing stress

What is stress?

- Stress is one of the body's natural responses to something that is threatening or frightening.
- It is something that we all experience from time to time.
- Stress is not necessarily harmful: mild forms can motivate and energise you.
- However, if your stress level is too high then it can cause difficulties, including hindering your ability to prepare for and perform during your exams.



How do people deal with stress?

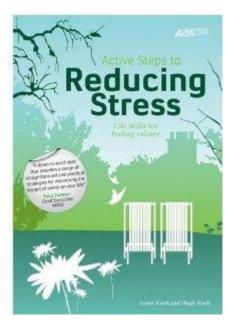
 For many of us with hectic, stressful lives, relaxation means zoning out in front of the TV at the end of the day or snatching some extra sleep at the weekend. Unfortunately, this does little to help reduce the damaging effects of stress on the mind and body.



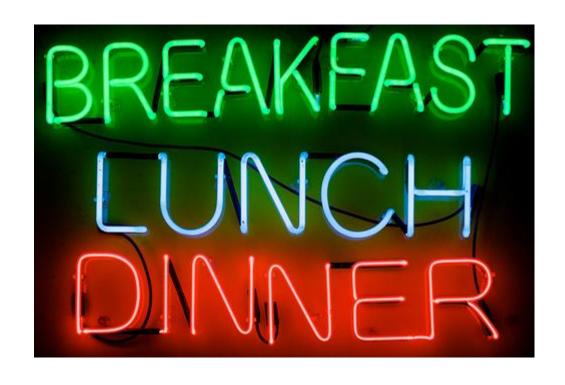


Six strategies for dealing with stress

 Unfortunately there is no magic wand that will remove the impact of stress on your life.
Controlling stress is an active process which means that you will have to take steps to limit its impact.



Step One: Be careful about what you eat and drink





Step Two: Get enough sleep





Step Three: Take regular exercise



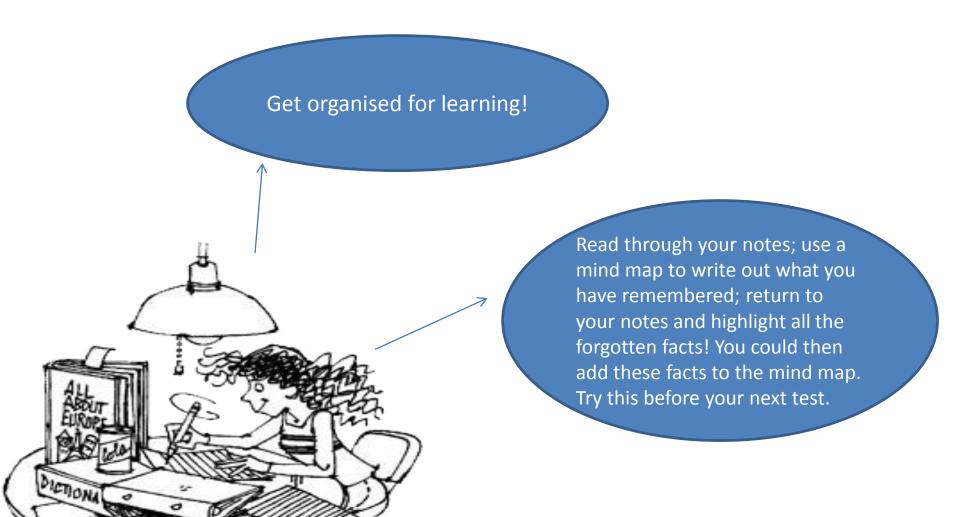
Step Four: Control your breathing



Step Five: Make time for fun



Step Six: Improve your study skills



Planning will reduce stress

- Where does your time go?
- 168 hours in the week use them wisely
- Allocate time for essential tasks
- Schedule in time for studying including breaks
- Schedule time for YOU e.g. relaxation, social, exercise
- Be aware of procrastination...

REMEMBER

"Procrastination is the thief of time"

