

Practice, review, improve

KS3 and GCSE learners

1. Choose the right task

Check the subject and topic. For GCSE, check the awarding organisation, specification, paper and tier where applicable. A Learnaroo practice paper is not automatically an official examination paper or a full specification assessment.

2. Plan the attempt

Read the paper's instructions and check permitted equipment. Decide whether to practise a topic with support or attempt the paper independently. Use the stated time only when a timed attempt is appropriate.

3. Answer the question asked

Read the command word and any limits, such as how many examples to give. Use relevant evidence, reasoning or working. Keep your response focused on the actual question.

4. Check before marking

Return to unfinished questions. Check calculations, units, labels and whether written responses explain the point clearly. Then use the marking guide for the same version of the paper.

5. Turn feedback into practice

Choose a specific gap rather than simply rereading everything. Revisit an explanation or worked example, then attempt a similar task without the answer in front of you. Check again on another day and adjust your plan.

Do not convert a practice percentage into a GCSE grade unless a valid, applicable grading method is supplied. Ask your teacher when a mark scheme or specification requirement is unclear.