

# Dual Coding



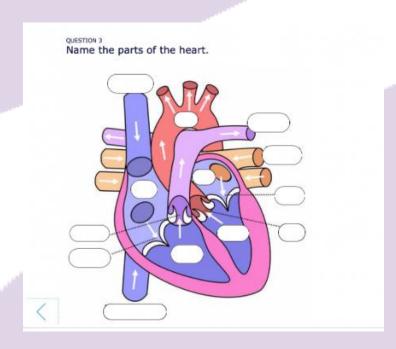
## Watch these short videos to learn what Dual Coding is

(2185) What is Dual Coding? | InnerDrive Online Academy - YouTube

(2185) Spacing, Interleaving and Dual Coding - InnerDrive Online Academy - YouTube



## Dual Coding is having the same information in two different ways: for example Words and a picture



Having the diagram in the middle with the words on the outside help you visualise and remember them.

The word boxes on the outside could be expanded to include what the functions of each part are.



Research suggests that creating a drawing from a piece of information requires you to elaborate on its meaning

Timelines are great for ordering information in the correct sequence.

Use contrast - Writing large chunks of text in one colour or highlighting everything on your poster doesn't make anything stand out.

Instead, use one or two key colours to create contrast and allow key information to stand out.

# 5 Ways to Use Dual Coding by @inner\_drive | www.innerdrive.co.uk

Dual coding is the process of blending both words and pictures while learning, but what are some specific different ways you can do this?



## I. Drawings

These boost learning by getting students to think deeply about information



#### 2. Diagrams

These are helpful for breaking down complex concepts or processes to make them easier to understand



#### 3. Posters

These are great for combining writing, pictures, and diagrams all within one page of information



#### 4. Timelines

These can be used for information that happens in a particular order or sequence



### 5. Graphic Organisers

These organise verbal and visual information by the relationships between different concepts. Examples include tree diagrams, mind maps, and Venn diagrams



## Timeline cycle example

#### The butterfly life cycle



Stage 1

The egg

A butterfly starts life as a very small, round, oval or cylindrical egg. If you look close enough you can see the tiny caterpillar growing inside of the egg. The egg shape depends on the type of butterfly that laid the egg.

Butterfly eggs are usually laid on the leaves of plants. Why? More on that in the part stage!



Stage 2

The larva or caterpillar

Butterfly larvae are caterpillars. Caterpillars do not stay in this stage for very long and their main goal is to eat.

Every caterpillar eats of the leaf they were born onto. This is important because the mother butterfly needs to lay her eggs on the type of leaf the caterpillar will eat.



### Stage 3

The pupa or chrysalis

When the caterpillars have reached their full length/weight, they form themselves into a pupa or a "chrysalis". If you look at the outside of the pupa, it looks as if the caterpillar is speeling. Nothing is less true. Inside the pupa, the caterpillar is rapidly changing. The old body parts of the caterpillar are undergoing a remarkable transformation, called



## Stage 4

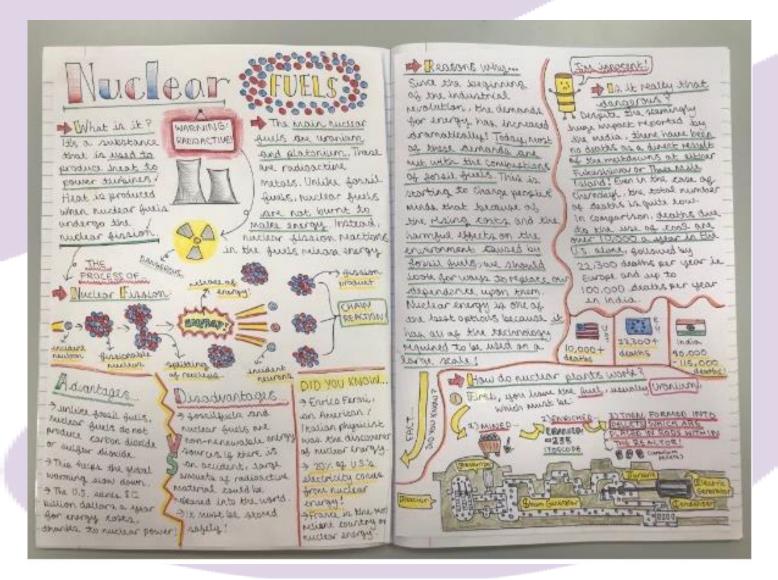
The butterfly

When the caterpillar is fully transformed in the chrysalis, a butterfly will emerge from the chrysalis. In the first few hours, both of the wings are going to be soft and folded against its body.

As soon as the butterfly has rested after coming out of the chrysalis, it will pump blood into the wings in order to get them Having the diagrams at the top helps you remember the order in which an event happens



## Posters – can contain lots of information



The more colourful, the more memorable the information

Make sure the information is clear and precise – do not over complicate or use long sentences

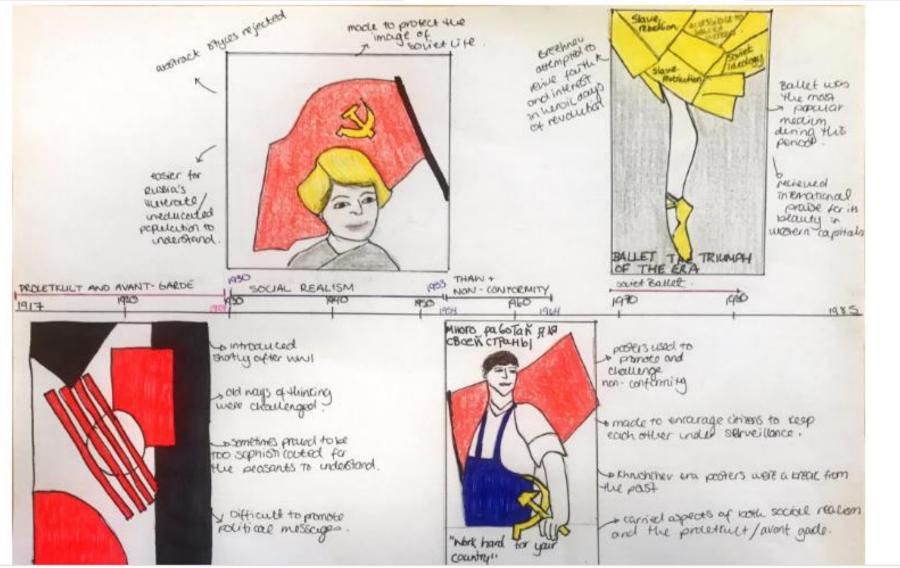


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It's not just how many hours of revision you do, it's also what you do in those hours that counts.



## Summary

Dual Coding is a good way of remembering key information By seeing the diagrams in your head helps you to retrieve what you have learnt.

You do not need to be able to draw to construct your own diagrams!!