

THE POST-MID-TERM CHECK-UP

A Parent's Practical Guide to Understanding Your Child's Performance After the First Major Examination

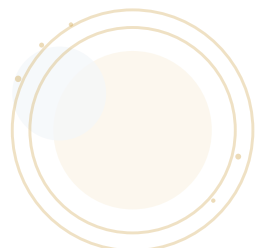


7 Things to Check Before You Decide What Your Child Needs Next

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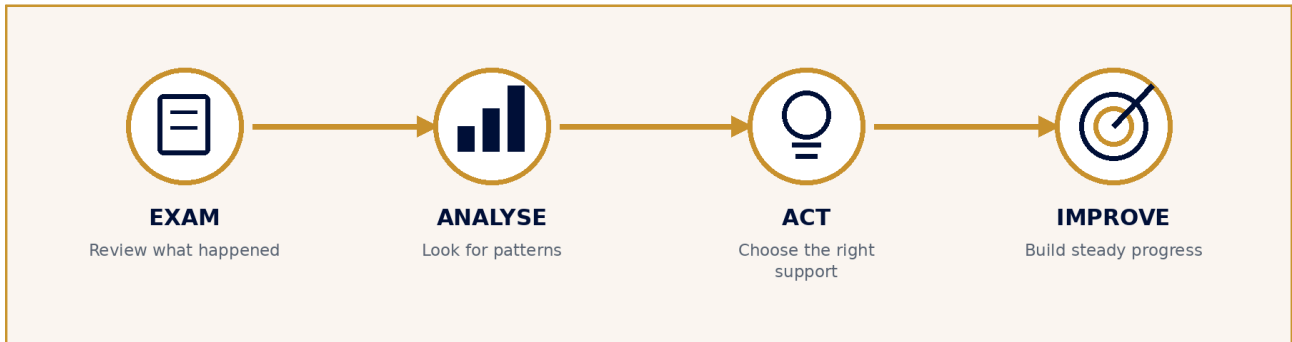
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The exam is over. Now what?

Mid-term exams create a useful pause. Marks are important—but they are only the starting point. The more useful question is: **what do these marks tell you about how your child is learning?**

A lower score can come from a weak concept, incomplete practice, careless errors, poor time management, inconsistent study habits—or simply one difficult paper. A high score can also hide gaps that may become visible later.

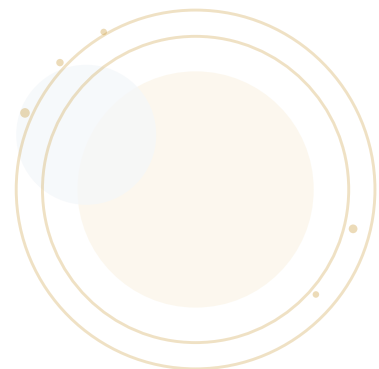


This guide gives you a practical way to look beyond the report card. You do not need to become a teacher or conduct a test at home. You simply need to notice patterns.

The goal is not to react to one exam.

The goal is to use the exam as information—and make the next 30 days more effective.

Start with these seven checks.



Don't look only at the total marks

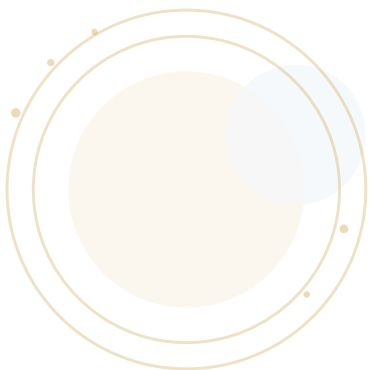
A total score tells you how much your child got right. It does not tell you where the marks were lost.

Take one paper at a time and classify the lost marks.

Type of loss	What to look for	What it may suggest
Concept gap	Could not explain, apply or recall the idea	Understanding needs attention
Practice gap	Knew the method but could not complete correctly	More guided practice may help
Careless error	Sign, unit, spelling, copying or calculation mistake	Accuracy/checking habit needs work
Time/attempt gap	Questions left incomplete or rushed	Paper strategy needs attention

Parent check: Look at 10–15 lost marks and try to put each one into a category. You are not trying to diagnose your child—just spotting a pattern.

One useful question: “Which questions did you understand after the exam but could not do during it?”



CHECK 2

Look for repeat offenders

One mistake is an event. The same type of mistake across subjects or tests is a pattern.

Repeated topic The same chapter or concept keeps appearing as a weak area.	Repeated error The same calculation, grammar, presentation or interpretation error returns.
Repeated avoidance Your child keeps postponing a particular subject or type of question.	Repeated dependence Your child can do work only when someone sits beside them.

CHECK 3

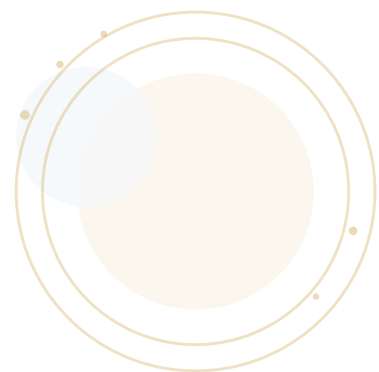
Can your child explain the concept without the book?

A child can sometimes recognise an answer on the page without being able to produce or explain it independently.

Try a 3-minute explanation.

Ask your child to close the book and explain one recently tested concept as if they were teaching it to you. Don't interrupt with corrections. Listen for whether they can explain the idea, steps and "why."

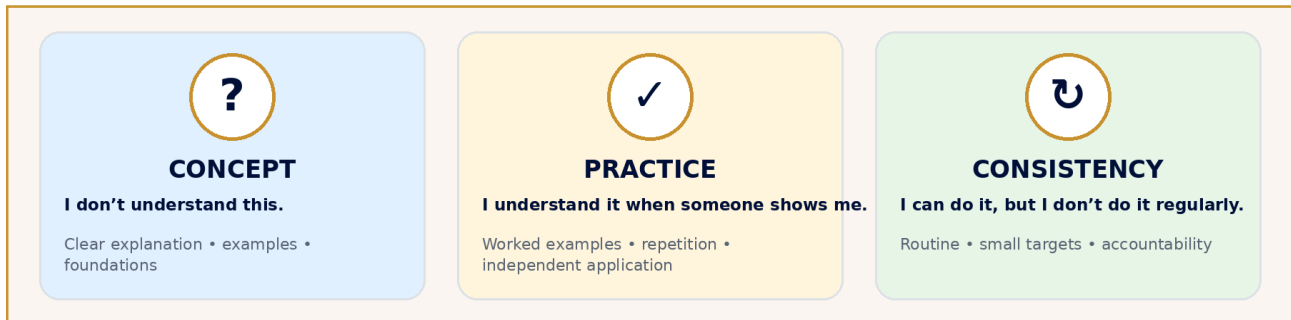
What you are listening for: clear sequence • correct vocabulary • ability to give an example • ability to answer a simple "why?" question.



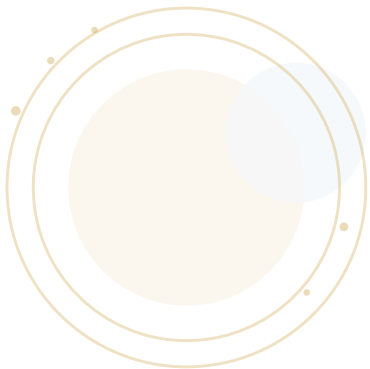
Separate knowledge, practice and consistency

These three problems can look identical on a report card—but they need different responses.

CONCEPT “I don’t understand this.” Focus: explanation, examples, foundations.	PRACTICE “I understand it when someone shows me.” Focus: worked examples, repetition, application.	CONSISTENCY “I can do it, but I don’t do it regularly.” Focus: routine, small daily targets, accountability.
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Why this matters: Adding more hours is not always the answer. The right intervention depends on what is actually breaking down.



CHECK 5

Don't automatically add tuition for everything

Sometimes a child needs structured academic support. Sometimes they need a better routine, a quieter study space, help with one subject, or simply time to recover from a difficult exam cycle.

Before deciding, ask:

Is the difficulty limited to one subject or several?	Is the child willing to ask questions—or hiding confusion?
Does the child improve when given one-to-one attention?	Is homework itself becoming a daily struggle?

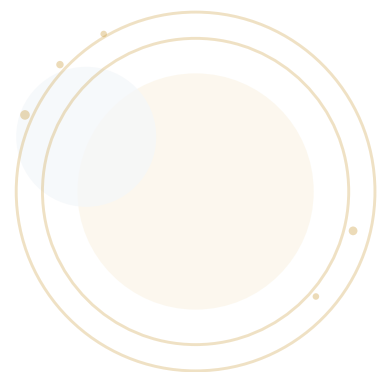
CHECK 6

Look at how your child studies, not just how much

"I studied for three hours" does not necessarily mean three hours of effective learning.

Active? Solving, writing, recalling, explaining.	Passive? Reading the same page repeatedly without checking recall.
Distracted? Frequent phone breaks, conversations or switching tasks.	Unstructured? No clear decision about what to finish first.

Small experiment: For one week, replace "study for two hours" with a specific target: "Finish 10 questions + correct them + explain 2 difficult ones."



Set a 30-day target—not just a marks target

The next exam may be weeks away. That is useful. You can work on the process before the marks arrive.

Choose one academic target.

Example: “Reduce careless errors in Maths.”

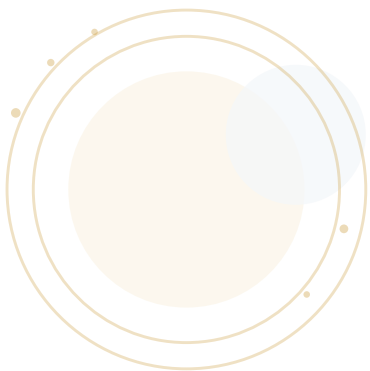
Then choose one behaviour target: “Spend 10 minutes checking every practice set.”

A simple 30-day action plan

WEEK 1 — FIND Identify 1–2 recurring gaps.	WEEK 2 — FIX Work on one gap using guided practice.
WEEK 3 — APPLY Mix questions and reduce help gradually.	WEEK 4 — CHECK Repeat a small test and compare the pattern.



Remember: Improvement is easier to see when the target is specific enough to observe.



YOUR 30-DAY ACTION PLAN

Fill this in after reviewing the mid-term papers.

My child's class	_____
School	_____
Subject needing most attention	_____
Main pattern I noticed	_____
One concept to strengthen	_____
One practice habit to build	_____
One study habit to improve	_____
30-day academic target	_____
How we will measure progress	_____

Weekly check-in

Week 1 ■ On track ■ Needs help Notes: _____
Week 2 ■ On track ■ Needs help Notes: _____
Week 3 ■ On track ■ Needs help Notes: _____
Week 4 ■ On track ■ Needs help Notes: _____

THE MID-TERM CHECK-UP SHEET

Keep this page with the exam papers. It is designed to help you have a calmer, more useful conversation with your child.

WHAT WENT WELL? 1. _____ 2. _____ 3. _____	WHERE WERE MARKS LOST? 1. _____ 2. _____ 3. _____
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WHAT DOES MY CHILD UNDERSTAND? _____ _____	WHAT NEEDS MORE PRACTICE? _____ _____
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WHAT STUDY HABIT NEEDS WORK? _____ _____	WHAT SUPPORT WOULD HELP? _____ _____
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One last thing:

Try not to turn the post-exam conversation into an interrogation. Start with what went well. Then ask what felt difficult. Children are often more honest about gaps when they do not feel they are being judged for having them.

A useful sentence to begin with:

“Let’s not worry about the marks for five minutes. Show me what you found easy, what you found difficult, and where you think you need help.”

WHEN YOU NEED ANOTHER PAIR OF EYES

Sometimes a parent can identify the problem but cannot easily solve it at home. That is where structured academic support can help.



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