Don’t be stunned by a question you can’t answer in your exam

We’ve all been there. We’ve all felt our stomach drop when we read a question in the exam that we don’t think we know anything about.

Fear not – your favourite academic, Dr Prashan Karunaratne, has some tips on how to fill that blank space in your exam when you don’t think you know the answer.

**STEP 1:** Highlight and underline key words in the question.

**STEP 2:** Stop, breathe, and think about what topic the question relates to.

**STEP 3:** Write down whatever key concepts you can think of that might relate.

**STEP 4:** Think about which lecture, or what part of your book or notes, these concepts are from.

**STEP 5:** Write something!

And if you can’t remember or don’t feel like you have nailed your answer, don’t panic, just move on to the next question and do your best.