Anki vs Quizlet: Decision Worksheet + Move Checklist

From the StudySim guide "Anki vs Quizlet" (studysim.ai/blog/anki-vs-quizlet). Facts checked November 9, 2026 against Anki's site and manual, Quizlet's help center and plans page, and the US App Store. Prices and limits can change; recheck before paying.

1. Score your needs

Tick the column that matches your answer for each question. The column with more ticks is your starting app. A tie usually means: use both (see section 3).

Question	Points to Anki	Points to Quizlet
How long do I need to remember this?	☐ Months or years	☐ Until this unit's test
How big is the material?	☐ Hundreds or thousands of cards	☐ A few short sets
What is my budget?	☐ $0 (or one-time $24.99 for the iPhone app)	☐ I can pay for a subscription if I want Learn or Test
How do I want to make cards?	☐ Write my own, import a text file, or use a shared deck	☐ Type, paste or upload notes and let the app build a set
Do I need images, audio or diagrams on cards?	☐ Yes (image occlusion, cloze, audio)	☐ Mostly text terms and definitions
How do I like to practice?	☐ Daily review sessions, rating each card	☐ Games, practice tests, studying with friends
Does my class already share sets?	☐ No	☐ Yes, on Quizlet
How much setup will I tolerate?	☐ Fine with learning a few settings	☐ I want to start in minutes
Total ticks		

2. Move your Quizlet sets to Anki

Based on Quizlet's "Exporting your sets" help article and Anki's text-file import docs. You can only export sets you created; images do not export.

Set name	Exported (Your library > Flashcard sets > more menu > Export > Copy text)	Saved as .txt	Imported into Anki (check separator)	Spot-checked 5 cards	Images re-added
	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐
	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐
	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐
	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐
	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐
	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐

Tip: when exporting, pick a separator you will recognize (for example a tab between term and definition). Anki guesses commas, semicolons or tabs and shows a preview before you import.

3. If you use both: decide where each course lives

One sensible split: Quizlet for quick class sets, games and group review; Anki for material you must keep long term.

Course / exam	Anki (long term)	Quizlet (quick / shared)	Notes
	☐	☐	
	☐	☐	
	☐	☐	
	☐	☐	
	☐	☐	

4. First-week setup checklist

Anki

- ☐ Install the free desktop app (Windows, macOS, Linux) or AnkiDroid; AnkiMobile for iPhone/iPad is $24.99 one-time
- ☐ Create a free AnkiWeb account and sync so your cards follow you across devices
- ☐ Make one deck per course and add or import your first cards
- ☐ Optional: turn on FSRS in deck options (all your Anki apps must support it)
- ☐ Review daily; if four buttons feel like too much, use only Again (wrong) and Good (right)

Quizlet

- ☐ Create a free account (flashcards, practice questions, diagrams and games are free)
- ☐ Type, paste or upload your notes to build a set
- ☐ Before paying, check the limits: Quizlet Plus includes 3 practice tests, 3 Q&A/textbook solutions and 20 rounds of Learn per month
- ☐ Note your renewal date: plans renew automatically unless canceled

Both

- ☐ Answer from memory before flipping each card (active recall)
- ☐ Spread reviews over days instead of cramming the night before

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